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War on 'greedy' drugs firms

David Hencke and Sarah Bosseley

THE Government is facing a head-on collision with the multi-national drug companies by deciding to scrap the voluntary agreement on the amounts the companies can charge the NHS for medicines and forcing them to peg prices through legally binding contracts.

The move, to be announced in the Queen's Speech on November 24, follows revelations in the Guardian that some companies have been openly flouting the present

deal, adding millions of pounds to NHS bills. Ministers are furious that pharmaceutical giants who are party to the voluntary scheme have sold on their drug rights to smaller firms, who hike prices to the NHS by as much as 2,000 per cent.

The decision to tear up the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS) will cause uproar within the drug industry. The scheme, which has been in existence for 41 years, has allowed companies to charge what they like for new drugs in acknowledgment of their investment in research — as long as the total does not breach a profits ceiling set by the Govern-

ment. Even so, the UK's drugs bill is now estimated at over £6 billion a year. The companies have done well out of it. As well as making substantial profits, they have been able to use the NHS as a showcase for new medicines that are then sold throughout the £180 billion global market.

But ministers consider that the drug companies' greed has wrecked the cosy arrangement that used to be secret and is still negotiated behind closed doors. Big companies have been passing on cheap drugs that they continue to manufacture to smaller firms, which have hiked the price to the NHS

without the permission of the Department of Health, in defiance of the voluntary agreement.

The big companies are paid by the smaller companies and are at the same time able to increase the profits they are allowed to make out of the NHS from new drugs.

The Government will now legislate to outlaw this practice. The decision will come as a shock to the drug companies who have been employing lobbyists in a bid to influence ministers during the renegotiation of the PPRS which is currently taking place. A confidential memorandum from one of these lobbying firms reveals attempts

to get access to the Health Secretary, Frank Dobson, and the Prime Minister.

But the drug industry has underestimated ministers' disenchantment with the scheme and what is perceived as the greed of some companies. Hard on the heels of the price hikes came the Viagra furore.

Pfizer, the manufacturer, has dropped its initial demand of £10 a tablet to £4.84, but has publicly said it will go no lower in spite of the £50-180 million that prescriptions could cost the health service. The proposed NHS bill this autumn will be used to make these changes, and close any loopholes exposed by a review

of the system.

Little progress has been made in the PPRS negotiations, which are conducted for the drug companies by the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industries (ABPI).

The government decision pre-empted a move by the American companies who manufacture in Britain and sell to the NHS and have in the past agreed to be bound by the PPRS.

A confidential document from the lobbying company is trying to persuade the American ambassador, Phil Lader, to host a meeting for the 13 companies in the American Pharmaceutical Group to meet Mr Dobson.

the PPRS, which would have put severe pressure on the Government. GPC Market Access is working for many of the big drug companies, including Pfizer, Glaxo-Wellcome and Novartis.

Earlier this year GPC Market Access attempted to obtain a face-to-face meeting between Mr Blair and Vincent Lawton, managing director of Merck, Sharp and Dohme, but this was blocked by Downing Street.

Now the lobbying company is trying to persuade the American ambassador, Phil Lader, to host a meeting for the 13 companies in the American Pharmaceutical Group to meet Mr Dobson.



Camilla Carr and Jon James talking to journalists in Moscow yesterday. 'There's been anger and a lot of grief, but we've survived it' PHOTOGRAPH BY PETER DELONG

At last, sun shines on freed hostages

James Meek in Moscow

JON James and Camilla Carr emerged into the sun from 14 months of darkness and fear yesterday, stunned by the joy of sudden, glorious liberation after captivity at the hands of a war-ravaged mountain people they tried to help.

Throughout the time the British hostages were held in the rebel Russian region of Chechnya, their kidnappers let them speak only in whispers. It was in a clear, glad voice that Ms Carr spoke in Moscow yesterday after alighting with her partner from the private jet of the Russian tycoon who helped free them.

"It's so wonderful to be out," she said. "I just want to thank everyone who's been involved in helping us to obtain our freedom again, to see the sky and the trees, to be with our beloved family and friends."

Ms Carr, from Ross-on-Wye, and Mr James, from Lydney in Gloucestershire,

were seized in the Chechen capital, Grozny, by six masked men in July last year, becoming the latest of scores of hostages to have been stolen for ransom by desperate, unemployed veterans of Chechnya's war with Russia.

The couple were working for a Quaker-backed charity, providing play therapy for children traumatised by the war.

Mr James hinted that he and Ms Carr had at times been badly treated by their captors.

Asked what had been the hardest aspect of captivity, he said: "The guys we were with..."

Ms Carr cut in: "They were suffering from trauma from the war, so they were unstable. They captured us because they had no jobs, they had nothing after the war, and so they wanted money."

Mr James said they had been moved around from hiding place to hiding place to avoid the hostage rescue squads from the Chechen authorities. Several armed

attempts were made to rescue them.

In all, he said, they had been in 14 different places. "We were never denied food," said Mr Carr. "There wasn't much food for the first seven months but then the kidnappers didn't have much food either. Then we were in different places, usually in a cellar under a

embassy Jaguar to be driven to a flight to Britain. They were taken to 3am yesterday to be told, in Russian, 'Home, home.'"

"We didn't believe it because we'd had this before," said Ms Carr. "So we just gathered our bags and that was it."

She said the couple's love for each other and their

family, so we had plenty of food. We had very little space. We had no light. Sometimes it was very damp and the temperature was about 40 degrees."

Clutching worn plastic bags containing their possessions, and wearing rumpled old clothes, they looked weary but eager as they climbed into a British

friends had kept them alive.

She felt no bitterness towards their captors. "Of course there's been a lot of grief, but now we've survived it," she said.

Rumours of the couple's imminent release had been circulating for weeks and hopes had been raised by a

video sent by the kidnappers, the third to show them alive and well.

The couple's families have campaigned vigorously for their plight to be remembered. Ms Carr's sister, Alexander Little, an advertising executive, said yesterday: "I am overjoyed with emotion. It is just fabulous to think that they are free."

The Britons flew back to Moscow on a private Tupolev airliner chartered by Boris Berezovsky, the controversial Russian billionaire. The British ambassador, Sir Andrew Wood, said Mr Berezovsky had played a role but denied any suggestion that he might have been acting as Britain's bagman for a ransom payment.

Chris Hunter, who heads the charity Mr James and Ms Carr work for, said: "We're all in a bit of a state of shock, it's still sinking in, but obviously it's wonderful."

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Clinton faces judgment day

Martin Kettle in Washington

BILL Clinton's presidency lies in the hands of television viewers across America this morning. On a day of judgment they will weigh four hours of unscripted videotaped testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky — testimony that most of them say they do not want to see.

As opinion polls yesterday began to signal a potentially significant shift in opinion, Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky — testimony that most of them say they do not want to see.

At one point Mr Clinton says "it breaks my heart" that Ms Lewinsky had to become involved in the investigation of the president by Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel. At another, Mr Clinton attacks prosecutors for putting too much pressure on the woman he simply calls "Monica".

The videotape of Mr Clinton's August 17 testimony to Mr Starr will begin airing on American cable channels at 8pm Washington time today (2pm in London). In a new poll for CBS television, 69 per cent of Americans said it was "not necessary" to broadcast the tape.

Transcripts of the Clinton

testimony, the Lewinsky testimony and interviews with prosecutors — 2,800 pages of documents — will also be released in Washington and on the Internet at the same time, following Friday's vote by the House of Representatives judiciary committee.

All this material will be coming out shortly before the president addresses the United Nations general assembly in New York, he will also share the platform at a seminar on "third way" political strategies with Tony Blair and other world leaders.

Downing Street declared yesterday that Blair was "a fair weather friend" and would remain supportive of Mr Clinton "in what is clearly a difficult time".

"It's in our interest that we retain very good relations with the US and the US presidency," a spokesman said. "That stands us in good stead in the long term."

The White House is bracing itself for public disgust at many of the sexually explicit

exchanges on the video. The White House's deputy chief of staff, John Podesta, warned that the video would be "painful to watch" but predicted a "surprising reaction" in which public opinion would turn against Mr Starr and the Republican Party.

That optimism took a serious blow at the start of what will be a crucial week of opinion polls, when Newsweek reported that 46 per cent of Americans it surveyed now say Mr Clinton should "consider" resigning, compared with 31 per cent in the week after his August testimony.

Support for an impeachment inquiry has risen from 24 to 41 per cent over the same period, and support for a congressional censure of Mr Clinton from 45 to 64 per cent.

The White House pointed, however, to a Time magazine

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Blair to call for reform of financial institutions

Nicholas Watt

TONY Blair will today appeal to the developed world to carry out the most far-reaching reforms of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund since they were founded more than 50 years ago.

Standing in the heart of Wall Street, the Prime Minister will declare that the world's financial institutions must be strengthened to cope with the economic crises in Russia and the Far East. The IMF and the World Bank were established in a different era, when there were fixed exchange rates, capital controls and the flow of capital was much smaller.

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The Clinton crisis

"As it comes in, it will go out. We are deeply relieved we don't have to deal with this on Saturday, while America's schoolchildren are watching TV." **Brit Hume, Fox channel**

Lynch-mob usurps sense and mercy

COMMENTARY: We are all shamed, says **Martin Kettle**, by the smut-driven culture that feeds on humiliation by video

WHETHER we watch or look away when today's video is shown, we are already shamed witnesses to a process of truly desperate significance.

This hinges, in its political dimension, on the fact that in the hearts of many Republicans, Bill Clinton remains an illegitimate president.

They express this in forms that range from the unrelenting legalism of the current pursuit of Mr Clinton over sex and lies in the Monica Lewinsky affair, to the outer shores of the rightwing conspiracy mania where Mr Clinton is cast as a multiple murderer and international drug baron.

To this breed of Republican, Mr Clinton's supreme crime is to have won the presidency, and then defended it successfully in an era in which the radical right that increasingly dominated the Republican Party believed with absolute fervour that tomorrow belonged to them — and certainly not to a promiscuous, draft-dodging, pot-smoking, black-loving liberal political opportunist from Arkansas.

The conservative right believed, and still believes, that the true president of the United States is Ronald Reagan. They cannot forgive Mr Clinton for snatching away the sacred sanctum, the Oval Office, from Reagan's successor George Bush, and for then seeking to unpick, repack and tarnish the legacy of a man whose standing on the American right is far stronger today than Margaret Thatcher's is in the shattered ranks of the British right.

In this context, the fact that President Clinton may have had oral sex with a 21-year-old intern in that same Oval Office adds insult to injury. But it is the original injury that is driving the present, highly political, process — the sense of outrage that Mr Clinton should have won the presidency at all, and then have defended it successfully when Newt Gingrich's revolu-

tion of 1994 overreached itself by shutting down the federal government.

If this seems far-fetched, Friday's remarks in Washington by the Christian Coalition founder, Pat Robertson, are among those testifying to what is firing the right's wish to win its battle with Mr Clinton at last, by impeaching him and driving him from the White House.

A president sits in the White House as the tenant of the American people, thundered Mr Robertson, but "this occupant's lease has expired". He must be driven out, not merely forced to resign, because "the people" demand it.

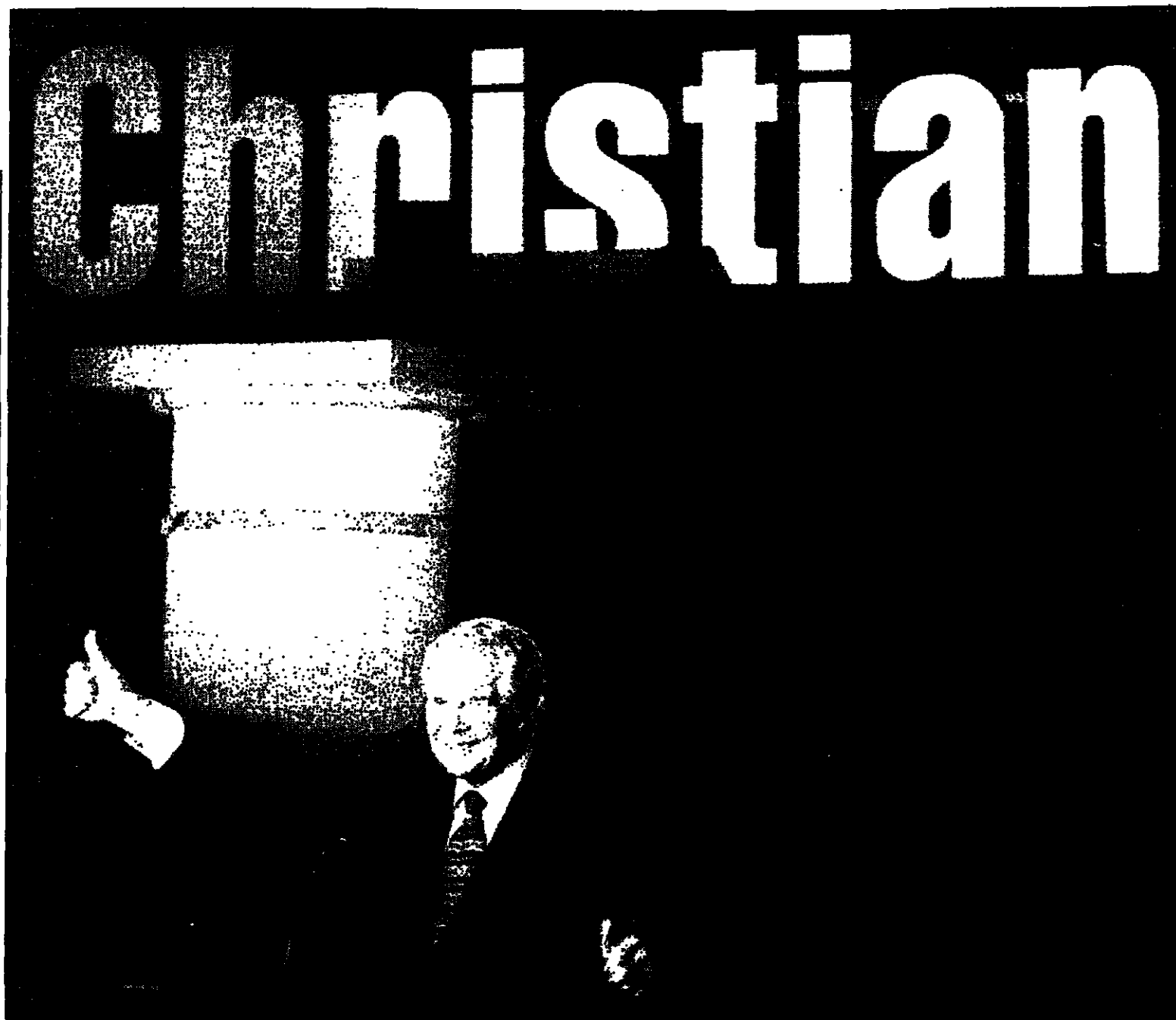
Except that the people don't. The people voted for Mr Clinton twice. They consistently tell the pollsters that they want him to remain in the White House, not to be driven from it. What Mr Robertson speaks is the language of leaders of *oups d'états* throughout history.

But as Mr Robertson and several other speakers at last week's Christian Coalition rally made clear, they deem Mr Clinton guilty of other crimes, too, and these go wider.

There is a palpable sense on the right that this president must be driven out as an act of cultural vengeance — not just for the 1992 and 1996 elections but for feminism, for abortion, for affirmative action, for rock'n'roll, for the triumph of the anti-war movement over Vietnam, for irreligion, and for everything bound up in the cultural revolution of the conservative right's ultimate hate word — the Sixties.

Today's Clinton videotape will be culturally climactic, but maybe not in the sense the Sixties-haters intend. For all its banality, this will be an epic moment in the long siege of public life by the media-dominated popular culture of the age. No public figure in human history has ever been subjected to what Mr Clinton is about to face.

It is the most global humiliation anyone of historical importance has ever had to suf-



The right's Pat Robertson declaring in Washington that resignation was too good for a 'debauched and debased' president

PHOTOGRAPH: ROBERTO BOREA

fer. The most powerful elected person on the planet — a man who, whatever his disastrous personal failings, is meant to be the supreme embodiment of the democratic ideal — is about to become the supreme victim of the unrelenting smut-driven popular culture of the age.

Mr Clinton may remain

president of the United States after the airing of the videotape today. But what will the presidency then be worth? Public life in the world which the United States leads, public institutions in this most successfully idealistic nation in human history, and the capacity of human reason to achieve a stable relationship

with the insistent demands of the television age are all at risk.

Mr Clinton's former labour secretary, Robert Reich, wrote recently that the presidency has become a Jerry Springer Show — a gruesome televised confession. In a nutshell, that is what is happening today.

Denied by the popular will in two elections, the Republican Party has thrown the presidency — the institution as well as Mr Clinton — to the jury of the television audience and the unelected pundits and personalities of the media world.

This would not be happening in this merciless and in-

trusive form if Mr Clinton were accused of a political crime, however serious. It is the culmination of the process in which the demotic triumphs over the democratic, a process that is integral to modern politics in Britain as in the United States — though fortunately not as widespread elsewhere.

For the far right ... to remove Clinton will be revenge for ousting Nixon, for feminism, for abortion, for affirmative action, for rock'n'roll, for the triumph of the anti-war movement over Vietnam, for irreligion, and for everything that is bound up in the cultural revolution of the right's ultimate iconic hate word — the Sixties

Mr Clinton may or may not be brought down by today's video expose of his personal sexuality and shiftness. The rest of us, though, are — especially the decent people whose merciful common sense, repeatedly expressed in American opinion polls, revolts from these bitter events.

Wall-to-wall and head-to-head

MEDIA: Networks exercise caution over 'X-rated' material, but cable channels go for broke

Mark Tran in Washington

A MULTIMEDIA event of mammoth proportions unfolds today with release of a four-hour video of Bill Clinton's grand jury testimony and 2,800 pages of documents from the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr.

The three major TV networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — plan special reports around the 9am (local time) release. Never before has grand jury testimony by a president, or anyone else for that matter, been broadcast on television.

Those with the time and the inclination can watch the totally unexpurgated version on several cable networks: CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC and C-Span. These four cable networks will go with wall-to-wall Clinton testimony without interruptions the moment it arrives over fibre-optic cables from a broadcast booth on the third floor of the Rayburn House office building.

"As it comes in, it will go out," said Brit Hume, Fox's Washington managing editor

and a former White House correspondent for ABC.

The cable channel will not transmit the video with any time delay to edit out objectionable material, but it will place warnings on the screen that some may find the testimony troubling.

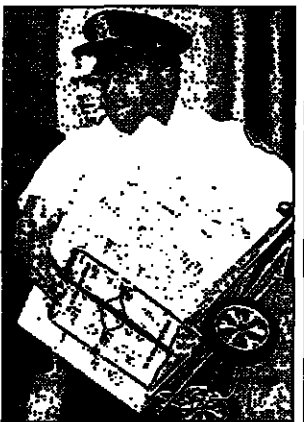
"We are deeply relieved we don't have to deal with this on Saturday, while America's schoolchildren are watching TV," said Mr Hume.

CNN, Rupert Murdoch's Fox News Channel, and MSNBC — a joint venture between Microsoft and NBC — are locked in a fierce battle for viewers in the field of 24-hour news, while C-Span is the public affairs network that broadcasts Capitol Hill proceedings live.

MSNBC yesterday was advertising its coming blanket coverage on CNN.

The established broadcast networks have chosen not to go live with "X-rated" material. They plan to break sporadically into their special reports with extracts from Mr Clinton's testimony.

ABC plans to broadcast Mr Clinton's opening statement to the grand jury, in which he



Clinton testimony en route to the printing office

admitted to an "inappropriate" relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

"Then we can come back into his testimony as the news warrants," said network official Su-Lin Cheng.

At CBS, the network will run disclaimers warning of sexual material or may turn the sound down or cut to a correspondent if the testimony gets too raw.

Ardent technophiles may watch Mr Clinton's video on the Internet, where more than a million people are expected to tune in during the day, although the video signals will arrive on computer screens as small grainy images.

CNN Interactive, with more multimedia firepower than most sites, signed agreements with several outside firms to boost its video capacity for today.

As if the video is not enough, 2,800 pages of material — some of it sexually graphic — will be disseminated on the Internet and at the Government Printing Office bookstore in Washington. These form the appendix to the Starr report and furnish detailed information to back up his contention of "substantial and credible" material to impeach the president.

The decision to release information described as even more sexually graphic than the report itself came after an acrimonious vote in the House Judiciary Committee last Friday.

The Government Printing Office worked overtime over the weekend to print up thousands of bound copies of the appendix. The office normally handles worthy documents like the US budget, which runs into several thousands of pages.

But never before has it had to deal with such seamy material or with a rush job on such a scale.

"Talk about information overload," said White House spokesman James Kennedy. "This will be the mother of all document dumps."

Quietly playing the Chelsea card

FAMILY ASSETS: Though the 'first daughter' is a media no-go area, she does have her uses

Martin Kettle in Washington

IF THE White House crisis were taking place in Britain, Chelsea Clinton would be permanently staked out by paparazzi and her every movement and overheard comment would be publicly parsed for clues to the all-consuming story.

Not in the United States, where the president's only child is a no-go area for the nation's media. As the 18-year-old begins her second year as an undergraduate at Stanford University in California, she is allowed to live a normal snoop-free life. Or as normal as a 24-hour secret service guard will allow.

While Hillary Clinton continues to live her married life in the full glare of publicity, her every public appearance attracting a large posse of press hanging on every word and gesture, her daughter's life seems remarkably private and unaffected thanks to an unwritten agreement between the media and the White House.

The only glimpse into her possible role in the current crisis came the day after the president taped the grand-jury testimony that is about to be viewed around the world. The next morning, August 18, Chelsea Clinton conspicuously held her parents together as they walked out of the White House to the helicopter waiting on the South Lawn to take the battered family to a secluded holiday on the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

When they arrived in Martha's Vineyard a couple of hours later, Chelsea lingered longer than usual in front of the cameras, shaking hands with party loyalists and providing a rare instance of the White House playing the normally forbidden "Chelsea card".

Opinion polls show that Chelsea Clinton is popular with the American public in a way her father cannot rival. People feel sorry for her, admire her for her apparent optimism and her young adult dignity. As with Prince William in



Chelsea Clinton: has a non-speaking part in the drama

Britain, the public projects on to the next generation a hope that Chelsea is a better person with a less troubled life than her parents'.

Though Chelsea never makes public speeches, there are signs that she plays an important role in reconciling her parents. "I love my dad. I understand. I can cope," she was reported to have said as the president began in August to confess privately, then publicly, to a more truthful version of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

According to the Rev Jesse Jackson, who gave that quote to Newsweek magazine a few days later, Chelsea rang him from the White House late in the evening of Saturday, August 15, when Mr Clinton is said to have imparted more of the details to his wife. Chelsea urged Mr Jackson to come to give spiritual guidance to the family.

All three Clintons were together in the private rooms of the White House, where they prayed and hugged one another under Mr Jackson's guidance, as he told prime-time television two days later.

Having Mr Jackson as an interlocutor allows the White House to play the Chelsea card at one remove, in critical moments.

In the early days of the Lewinsky scandal back in January, the Clintons asked Mr Jackson to counsel their daughter. This enabled Mr Jackson to go on NBC television to pronounce the family "upbeat" and Chelsea "devoted to her father and so close to her mother" and to tell Associated Press about Chelsea's "inner strength and maturity".

Nobody knows whether Chelsea Clinton will watch her father's torment on video today — or if they do know, they are not saying. But it will take more than the Chelsea card to get Mr Clinton off the hook.

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The Clinton crisis

Coffee, muffins and TV sex video verdicts

TV JURY: Nation waits to read Clinton's manner and weigh his words as political allies fall away.
Julian Borger reports

MARJORIE Kenner is going to turn her television on good and early this morning. She will have her Kentucky friends and neighbours round for coffee and muffins, and then they will sit down together to watch their president wriggle on the twisted hook of his own sex life.

"Rush says it will make all the difference. Just to see what he looks like when he's talking about all that stuff," Mrs Kenner said. The words of Rush Limbaugh, US radio's siren voice of the far right, counts for a lot in Williams-town, a farming community set among rolling bluegrass pastures and tobacco fields near the very buckle of the Bible belt.

In this case, Rush was preaching to the converted. Mrs Kenner had long ago measured the depth of Bill Clinton's disgrace and decided against him. She had even come to a Saturday

night fund-raiser Gex Williams, the Republican congressional candidate in November's mid-term elections, a fanatical anti-abortionist who has his wife teach their children at home rather than send them to a "godless" state school.

It is a box-supper fund-raiser, in which activists prepare meals of fried chicken, ribs and cornbread, and auction them off to one another at charitably inflated prices. But only a dozen locals bothered to make the journey on this steamy September evening to the Farm Bureau building on the edge of town.

When Gex (this peculiarly Kentucky name is pronounced Jay) Williams arrived, he was clearly incensed by the turnout, and his silent anger glowed through his perfunctory show of back-slapping. His campaign has so far failed to take off, amid perceptions of extremism and allegations of impropriety.

Mr Williams, hitherto a



President Clinton and his wife Hillary arriving for a service at the Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: MARK WILSON

state senator, is under investigation for a controversial land deal last year and had claimed in his campaign literature to have graduated from a naval academy, which he had in fact only briefly and unsuccessfully attended.

He denies any wrongdoing and is not keen to linger on these issues, preferring instead to go to what he sees as the heart of the campaign. "I'm pro-gun and pro-life, and my opponent is just acting like he is," he said.

Right up until Monica Lewinsky handed over her

DNA-stained dress to the FBI, the Democrats had expected to wrest this northern Kentucky seat, the state's fourth district, back from the Republicans.

The farmers have long been squeezed by the president's anti-tobacco policies, but affluence from the Clintonian boom is now spilling south across the Ohio river from Cincinnati in the form of hi-tech industry and suburbs, bringing city Democrats with it.

"In the fourth district, there was an expectation that

the Democrats would have a shot because Williams is seen so extreme," said Al Cross, a political writer on the Courier-Journal in Louisville. "But there is now clearly some likelihood the Democratic vote will be depressed."

The Democratic candidate, Ken Lucas, has done all he can to limit the damage by distancing himself from Mr Clinton. When the president came to north Kentucky on Thursday, Mr Lucas and his team did not even show up to meet him. There were so few Democrats there that a no-

hope candidate from the other end of the state got to ride in the presidential limousine, so that Mr Clinton would not appear totally isolated.

At a Young Democrats meeting in Covington on Saturday, Mr Lucas put even more moral space between himself and the president. Making himself comfortable in a wicker armchair on the porch of a 19th-century Kentucky mansion, he said: "As a father of five children and as a husband, I was very disappointed in the actions of the president. And I think if the

president is found guilty, he should go."

In the antique-filled meeting room, the speeches were packed with backs-to-the-wall calls to action. Wendell Ford, a veteran senator who presided over Mr Clinton's first inauguration, cried to his audience: "Right now is not the time to give up. If you stay home [on polling day] you're not going to get a damn thing."

Glenn McEntyre, a bright-eyed Young Democrat, declared: "Independent of scandal, independent of one man,

"To piss away all you've achieved, over sex," he said, spitting out the last word with considerable venom.

Glenn McEntyre, local Democrat

even if it is the president, it's about passion, ideals and commitment." But out in the smoke-filled room (nicotine addiction is seen as a patriotic duty in Kentucky) it was also about embarrassment. The activists all complained of the humiliation of trying to talk policy to voters wearing half-smiles as their minds wander inexorably towards oral sex.

In private, Mr McEntyre — formerly a Clinton true-believer — is burning with anger. "To piss away all you've achieved, over sex," he said, spitting out the last word with venom.

He said he hoped for a backlash against the Republicans after the president's testimony is screened today, but after a few minutes of defiant optimism, his spirits flagged once more. "It's got to hurt us," he said. "I'm passionate about politics and it puts me off. Think about Joe Sixpack, who never really cared that much one way or another. How are we going to tell him to come out and vote?"

The Democrats need an 11-seat swing to regain control of the House of Representatives. If the vote swings the other way, Mr McEntyre said, the time would be right for senior Democrats to walk into the Oval Office and demand the president's departure before he sinks the party. But he was unsure whether the president could be persuaded. "That will be the real moment of truth," he said.

Republicans' high-risk gamble on turning tide of opinion polls

PUBLIC MOOD: President's job approval ratings continue to be solid at around 60pc

Martin Kettle in Washington

ON CAPITOL Hill, the Republican Party leadership judges that release of the Clinton video will start to drive the president's high poll ratings downwards, paving the way for an impeachment inquiry and the eventual departure of Bill Clinton from the White House.

There was some encouragement for the Republicans yesterday when a Newsweek poll showed 56 per cent of Americans think Mr Clinton should consider resigning, up from 41 per cent in the week after Mr Clinton gave the testimony that the public will finally see today.

Support for an impeachment inquiry was significantly up too, from 24 per cent to 31 per cent over the same period, although in both cases a majority of Americans are still opposed to both moves.

Since the object of today's release is to break the back of Mr Clinton's poll ratings, this

early movement, even before the public has seen the video, gives some real encouragement to the president's opponents.

Nevertheless, the Republicans know that they are treading a fine line in pursuing a strategy which is increasingly seen as aggressive towards Mr Clinton. The post-video polling will therefore be scanned with attention and excitement, since all sides know that it could hold the key to the president's hold on office.

The Republicans are playing a high stakes game with public opinion. The release of the video is opposed by 87 per cent of Americans, a poll found last week, while Mr Clinton's job approval ratings continue to be strong and solid at around 60 per cent. Most voters see no reason to drive their president out of office.

The White House is hoping that these numbers indicate a sufficient depth of support for Mr Clinton for the video release on Capitol Hill to have the opposite effect to that intended by its authors. Yesterday



Newt Gingrich: memories of a prior miscalculation

day the White House deputy chief of staff, John Podesta, forecast that the public "may end up questioning the motivation" of the release.

Though most Republicans support the release, there have been some signs of nervousness about the impact of the material provided to the committee by the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, on September 9, only six

days after the House of Representatives voted on whether to release the most explicit of the material provided to the committee by the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, on September 9, only six

Republicans voted for release, while the majority even joined with their Democratic opponents in keeping some items under wraps.

In Thursday's Republican caucus meeting last week, Congresswoman Nancy Johnson said that the party could pay a political price for releasing sexually explicit material on the airwaves after fighting for so long in favour of tighter controls including the "V-chip" censorship button.

Most Republicans were undeterred, but many recognise that the public response could cut either way. Lurking in the back of minds on both sides is the memory of the congressional Republicans' most costly miscalculation about American public opinion. In November 1995 Speaker Newt Gingrich led his Republican majority into a budgetary confrontation with Mr Clinton that led to the shutting down of the whole federal government for more than a month.

Far from turning opinion against Mr Clinton, Mr Gingrich had intended the government shutdown was soon seen as an over-reaching piece of partisan politics. Mr Clinton's popularity recovered spectacularly. Mr Gingrich and his lieutenants are anxious to avoid making the same mistake twice.

Clinton faces day of judgment

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poll in which only 28 per cent called for Mr Clinton to resign. A majority of Americans remain opposed to resignation or impeachment, and 58 per cent still give Mr Clinton a positive job approval rating — but any substantial fall in his ratings in coming days is likely to spur Republicans to press ahead with an impeachment inquiry on Capitol Hill.

Addressing black Americans at the weekend, Mr Clinton told one of his staunchest groups of supporters: "I want to thank you for standing up for me and understanding the true meaning of repentance and movement." As Washington awaited the impact of today's releases, a

leading fellow Democrat said Mr Clinton should take the initiative and appear before the judiciary committee "rapidly" to try to bring the crisis to an end within weeks.

"The nation is being ill-served by this political water torture that is taking place in a highly calculated, highly partisan way," said Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts, who favours a censure motion on the president.

But a powerful rightwing Republican congressman, Tom DeLay of Texas, said that censure was not enough. "Anyone who's talking about censure believes in the rule of man, not the rule of law," he said. Yesterday's New York

Times reported that lawyers familiar with the August 17 testimony say that Mr Clinton will begin with a formal statement, admitting "inappropriate intimate contact" with Ms Lewinsky, as well as "inappropriate sexual banter" by telephone.

Mr Clinton says: "When I was alone with Ms Lewinsky on certain occasions in early 1996 and once in early 1997, I engaged in conduct that was wrong. These encounters did not consist of sexual intercourse; they did not constitute 'sexual relations' as I understood that term to be defined... but they did involve inappropriate contact."

In one of a series of exchanges in which Mr Clinton

expresses concern for Ms Lewinsky, he thanks Mr Starr for giving her immunity from prosecution. "It breaks my heart that she was involved in this," Mr Clinton says.

In a more heated exchange, Mr Clinton rebukes Mr Starr's prosecutors for giving Ms Lewinsky heavy treatment. "Monica was kept by five of your lawyers and five of your FBI agents."

In a third passage concerning his efforts to help Ms Lewinsky find a job, Mr Clinton says: "I wanted to help her get on with her life." If he had been trying to conspire to win her silence, he says, he could have given her a job in the White House, which he did not do.

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Royal tour



The Queen leaving for Brunei airport yesterday to fly to Kuala Lumpur, where sacked minister Anwar Ibrahim (right) addressed 30,000 supporters, who later demanded the prime minister's resignation

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Troops guard Queen amid rioting

Nick Hopkins
in Kuala Lumpur

TROOPS last night were guarding the residential complex where the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are staying during their tour of South East Asia after rioting broke out in Kuala Lumpur.

More than 30,000 protesters took to the streets calling for the resignation of the Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad, and fought running battles with police.

Tear gas and water cannons were used against the demonstrators, and according to one report the government ordered extra troops to stand outside the Queen's residence in case violence spilled over.

Although the rioters have no quarrel with the Queen, it is feared that if disturbances continue the Foreign Office and Buckingham Palace will consider cutting short the

second leg of the tour. The Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, yesterday cancelled his plan to fly to New York tonight for a meeting of the United Nations General Assembly after consulting advisers. "Mr Cook's priority is to be with the Queen," said his spokesman. "It is the right place to be."

The Queen's press secretary, Geoff Crawford, said her

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itinerary had not changed and she intended to be at the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony this evening. "It's a political matter. We would act on the advice of ministers."

Despite the official line, the deteriorating political situation is causing concern.

The riots were the culmination of a feud between Dr

Mahathir and Anwar Ibrahim, former deputy prime minister, who was sacked in disgrace three weeks ago after being accused of sodomising his adopted brother, Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja, and a Pakistani friend, Munawar Ahmad Anees. Both were jailed for six months on Saturday after pleading guilty to allowing themselves to be violated by him.

Mr Anwar, Malaysia's most popular politician, vehemently denied the allegations and claimed that the scandal was part of a conspiracy orchestrated by an envious prime minister hell bent on destroying his credibility.

He believes the jailed men were forced to confess to incidents that never happened. He has since been campaign-

ing to oust Dr Mahathir from office with a self-styled Reformasi (Reform) movement.

Yesterday, Mr Anwar's followers tried to organise a rally in the city centre, but police sealed off Merdeka Square, where the Queen and Duke were attending a service at St Mary's Cathedral. The protesters returned when the royal party had moved on.

Dr Mahathir was provoked into acting last night when thousands of demonstrators converged on his official house and called for him to go. Within an hour, 100 riot police were sent to Mr Anwar's home. He and his wife, Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, were arrested on suspicion of indecent conduct.

As word spread of the arrest, crowds gathered again at Dr Mahathir's home and began pitch battles with police.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir said his rival was a "desperate man" and his movement a "minor distraction."

Duchess flies to Argentina after mother killed in crash

Sarah Hall and Nick Hopkins

THE Duchess of York last night flew to Argentina after learning that her mother, Susan Barrantes, had been killed in a car crash.

The news was broken to the duchess at the Italian home of her friend Count Gaddo della Gherardesca, where she had been staying with her daughter Eugenie, aged eight. She returned to the UK after phoning to tell her father, Major Ronald Ferguson, of the death and then travelled to Buenos Aires alone.

Mrs Barrantes, aged 62, died when her Rover car collided head-on with another vehicle near her El Pucara



The duchess with her mother in Buenos Aires last year

ranch, 350 miles west of Buenos Aires, early yesterday. Police said she had been decapitated.

Her nephew, Rafael Barrantes, aged 25, who was in the car with her, survived the crash and was treated in hospital for shock.

Mrs Barrantes had lived in

Argentina for 25 years after splitting up with Major Ferguson. She married the Argentinian professional polo player Hector Barrantes, who died of cancer aged 51 in 1980.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who were told of her death shortly after arriving in Kuala Lumpur for the

second leg of the royal trip to South East Asia, said they were "shocked and very saddened at the news".

The Queen's press secretary, Geoffrey Crawford, added: "I am sure that they will be in touch as soon as they can with the duchess, her family and the Duke of York." It is not known if Prince Andrew and Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie will fly out for the funeral.

Major Ferguson, who remained in contact with his former wife, said he was "deeply shocked and extremely upset". Speaking from his home near Basingstoke, Hampshire, he added: "I feel sorry for my two daughters and the rest of Susan's family."

The Duchess will be joined in Buenos Aires by her sister, Jane Lueddecke, who is living from her home in Australia. Their mother will be buried beside her husband's grave at El Pucara.

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Meacher promises access law

Peter Hetherington

MICHAEL Meacher, the Environment Minister, yesterday joined hundreds of activists in the Pennine town of Todmorden to pledge that the Government was determined to force through change to guarantee a right to roam — with legislation if necessary.

Thousands attended rallies and mass walks organised by the Ramblers' Association, from Dartmoor and Exmoor to Lakeland and Northumber-

land. Mr Meacher took the train to Todmorden to address the main rally of the day in a school hall.

To loud applause, the minister said the Government was committed to extending access. "We are not talking about incremental change. We are talking about a major change and we are going to deliver it. No one should have any doubt about that."

Landowners had been given two years to develop voluntary access agreements with walkers. "We've just had a consultation process and got

2,000 responses," Mr Meacher said. "We're still analysing that and I hope to make a statement before the end of the year."

He was unhappy with progress made on a voluntary basis since access legislation — creating national parks and a network of footpaths — was approved almost 50 years ago. "On our best estimate around 100,000 acres have been added voluntarily in that time, and we're talking about increasing access to something like 3 million acres. If we were to carry on

at this rate it would take 1,000 years to reach this figure."

The Ramblers' Association claimed yesterday that the Country Landowners' Association is trying to "con" the Government. It has produced a register of land "voluntarily" opened up. It includes fields in Devon and Somerset used only for foxhunting, a barn in Lincolnshire used for community functions, and gardens in West Sussex which can only be entered on payment of a fee. Pick-your-own fruit farms and caravan sites are also listed.

Family clue to Parkinson's disease

Sarah Boseley
Health Correspondent

RESearchers working on Parkinson's disease have discovered a family with victims in three generations, and genealogists are now trying to trace distant relatives to help determine the cause of the affliction.

Nabeed Khan and her colleagues from the Institute of Neurology, at the University of London, are excited at the prospect of being able to match genetic material from

related sufferers of Parkinson's and maybe discover chemical clues to the cause of the disease which can cause severe tremors or rigidity.

Nobody knows whether heredity or environment are more significant in the onset of Parkinson's, but most effort so far has gone into the environmental side. Some families have more than one sufferer, but it is highly unusual for the disease to afflict successive generations.

The key family in the research of Dr Khan's group has its origins in Lincoln-

shire. "Three generations are affected and we think a fourth," she said.

The scientists can look back for confirmed cases as far as 1817, when James Parkinson, after whom the disease is named, wrote about "the shaking palsy". But they have employed genealogists to trace the family back to the 16th century in Lincolnshire to find the whereabouts of the post-1800 descendants. So far, family members have been found in Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Birmingham, Stoke-on-Trent and Essex.

Dr Khan said: "This family is not responsible for Parkinson's disease in the UK. There are many environmental factors along with a genetic disposition." The research, however, may help explain why the disease skips some generations and afflicts only some family members.

The Parkinson's Disease Society is backing the research with a £200,000 grant. In the UK, 120,000 have the disease, but if families and carers are included, 1 million people live with the problems it causes.

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Britain secures agreement on joint monitoring of 'sizeable groups' crossing European Union borders to attend legal gatherings

EU extends police surveillance

Martin Walker in Brussels

BRITAIN has persuaded the rest of the European Union to join an unprecedented police surveillance operation to gather and share intelligence on all "sizeable groups" which may pose a threat to law and order that cross EU borders to attend pop concerts, environmental and other demonstrations, and sporting events.

At a stroke, the police surveillance co-operation system on football hooligans, set up in 1993 for the European football championships, has been extended to a range of other legal activities, both political and social, which involve people moving from one EU

member state to another.

"The threat to civil liberties and the right of free assembly is clear," said Tony Bunyan of Statewatch, a civil liberties group. "Such internal security plans invite the surveillance of groups which intend to cross borders to join a demonstration on a new road or a nuclear power station, or to attend a rock concert."

Targeted individuals and groups will be listed on the Schengen Information System, the Europe-wide computerised database available to all police, immigration and border officials. The Schengen database has already been criticised by civil liberties groups for including information on individuals and groups supplied by a third country — except

when "it has clearly been obtained by a third state in obvious violation of human rights".

The new surveillance plan is based on a novel concept of policing, defined in British documents to Brussels as

order co-operation group of police chiefs and senior officials. It is marked for "limited" distribution.

"Crime is well recognised and understood. But disorder, which ranges from domestic disputes to lethal rioting, has

criminal records that include offences of violence, damage and dishonesty; moreover, they are sometimes associated with political demonstrations and direct action groups that have no sporting connections whatsoever. Accordingly, conflict has impacted on all types of organised events, including music festivals, environmental protests and public holiday demonstrations."

The EU joint home affairs council, chaired by the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, and composed of his fellow EU interior ministers, agreed without debate on May 26 on a programme of "joint action with regard to co-operation on law and order and security".

It requires all 15 EU countries to share information on the size, routes, na-

ture and objective and background of all "sizeable groups" which may pose a threat to law and order and security [which] are travelling to another member state in order to participate in events".

The joint action agreement

of unarmed liaison officers — to be protected by the host country — and annual meetings of EU police chiefs to review progress and consider matters of common interest.

The agreement is a direct result of Britain's tenure of

which has used EU transparency rules to obtain official documents.

"This is a case of conflict affecting the status quo would be laughable if national and EU officials were not taking it so seriously," Mr Bunyan said.

The British plan followed a survey of other EU police authorities on the security problems posed by marches, political demonstrations, football and other sports matches, pop concerts and environmental protests. The other police forces were asked to give estimates of the number of foreigners attending, and to report on the kinds of security in force, including "pre-use of non-police security teams and riot police, and the use of batons, shields, dogs and horses".

'Conflict [to be prevented] may be defined as any act that is contrary to the public's perception of normality'

Public Order: Conflict Prevention. "Conflict may be defined as any act that is contrary to the general public's perception of normality... It has the potential adversely to affect the status quo," says the British proposal, prepared for the EU's public

been largely ignored. Conflict is almost always a predictor of future crime and more serious disorder," the document says.

"The UK has found that football hooliganism is symptomatic of a much wider problem. Hooligans often have

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says: "Related matters such as guarding and protecting people and property may also form part of the co-operation in question."

The agreement also allows for intelligence sharing, training and exercises, the assignment and posting abroad

the EU presidency in the first half of this year, but, unlike other British initiatives in Europe, was not publicised.

The text and the British proposals that led to it will be released this week in the first issue of Statewatch's publication European Monitor.

Russia 'did not misuse' IMF billions

James Meek and agencies in Moscow

RUSSIA'S former central bank chief, Sergei Dubinin, denied that his new government had a plan to lead Russia out of its economic crisis.

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and, potentially, another flood of hard currency leaving the country.

The financial investigation and Mr Dubinin's reaction overshadowed yesterday's announcement by Mr Primakov that his new government had a plan to lead Russia out of its economic crisis.

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Murdered politician laid to rest

A BOY holds a white rose (left) as he joins hundreds of Albanians paying their respects yesterday to Azem Hajdari, the opposition politician killed last week.

Hajdari's death led to riots by Democratic Party supporters that sent the country spiralling into political turmoil.

Some shop owners pulled down metal shutters as the chanting crowd approached, but yesterday's gathering was peaceful, with the crowd of 1,500 people walking from the centre of the capital, Tirana, to Hajdari's grave more than three miles away.

Hajdari, a popular politician and ally of the former president Sali Berisha, was killed last Saturday. Dr Berisha has blamed the prime minister, Fatos Nano, and demanded that he resign.

An international delegation of the Organisation for Co-operation and Security in Europe (OSCE) met politicians from all parties in Tirana on Saturday.

OSCE officials criticised Dr Berisha and his party for inciting the unrest, but also Mr Nano, for failing to fight corruption. — AP, Tirana. PHOTOGRAPH BY ANJANEDRINKHALS

Kosovans' mountain march adds to Albanian woes

Owen Bowcott in Shkoder finds a cool welcome for desperate people rejected at every turn

UNDER threat of Serb bombardment, Fazel Tahiri and his family resumed market reforms. Veniamin Sokolov, the chief auditor of the Moscow parliament's auditing chamber, said he had warned the IMF not to extend any more loans to Russia until efficient controls are in place.

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Mr Tahiri, aged 50, was yesterday resting at a student hostel at Shkoder University — one of 4,000 refugees to have arrived in Albania in the past week.

Their perilous trek, involving expulsion from neighbouring Montenegro, has intensified the refugee crisis in Europe's poorest country, itself beset by political instability, hijacking and riots.

"We left Decani 10 days ago," said Mr Tahiri, as he sat with his son. "Many of us were older people and children. We spent three days and nights in the woods without anything to eat or drink. When there were no villages left we decided to head for the border."

Some panicked and ran away when the column was attacked by Serbs. "We all started off together," said Sule Rexhepi, aged 20, who lost contact with his parents. "But then we were shelled by the Serb police and dispersed. There were small babies and old men who died on the way; even women — they were just tired to death."

The weary refugees approached the Montenegrin town of Plava expecting to be received by friends and relatives, but were intercepted by Montenegrin military police. The Yugoslav republic is already sheltering 40,000 Kosovo

about 60 young men," said Small Zekaj, aged 18. "We were kicked. We thought they were going to make us disappear, to kill us. They said anyone aged between 18 and 40 must be a member of the KLA and needed to be dealt with."

Two days later military police drove the refugees close to the Albanian border and told them to follow an old railway line through the mountains to Vrmosh.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Red Cross and the relief charity Caritas have been helping the local authorities in Shkoder provide food and shelter for the city.

Albania already had 25,000 refugees from Kosovo. The new arrivals have been housed in the student hostel and a Caritas compound. Those with cash have been paying rent for rooms, others are being accommodated for free. At least 70 are staying in a tourist hotel.

The breakdown of law and order in the Albanian capital Tirana has added to the difficulties in Berat, Guri and Tropoje in the north UNHCR Land Rovers have been hijacked at gunpoint.

"Everything was looted from our and Caritas's warehouses in Tirana — mattresses, blankets, all non-food stuff," said Alessandra Morelli of the UNHCR. "Tropoje is cut off from central government. There's no police, no law and order."

Most Albanians accept Kosovans as brothers and sisters. A few resent them for their relative wealth and fear the refugees will add to the political violence. Kosovan leaders have tried to allay

these fears, but the walls in Shkoder are already decorated with slogans supporting the "UCK" — the KLA. A red Mercedes drives around the city with UCK and an Albanian double-headed eagle emblazoned on its bonnet.

"We will fight," said a group of young men at the student hostel. "The KLA is doing a good job protecting our country. We all want to go back and fight. And when the war stops we will rebuild our houses."

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ACENTRE-LEFT coalition dependent on communist and anti-European votes looked likely to be Sweden's next government last night, after a general election marked by a drift towards the far left and traditional right.

The prime minister, Goran Persson, was still determined

to fly to New York today for a seminar on "the third way" with President Bill Clinton and Tony Blair. Uncertain about his political future, he knows only that his party's grip on Swedish politics has weakened significantly.

Exit polls indicated that his Social Democrats (SDF), who have governed for 57 of the past 66 years, had failed to reach 35 per cent of the vote in yesterday's polls. They

were counting on the votes of the small Green party and the former Communists, now a broader Left Party, to hold a narrow majority in the 350-seat Riksdag (parliament).

"I think we will have enough votes to form a centre-left coalition with the Greens," the immigration and development minister, Pierre Schori, said. "But we have a cliffhanger of a result, with 10 per cent of voters saying they would not

make up their minds until faced with the ballot paper."

The left, which more than tripled its vote to nearly 14 per cent, was the big winner, along with the Christian Democrats, who have campaigned on ethical issues.

The hopes of the former prime minister Carl Bildt to muster enough votes to form a centre-right coalition appeared to be fading, after the Centre Party performed badly.

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Far right rallies voters in east

Ian Traynor
in Rostock
on neo-Nazis' march to the national polls



Germany decides

THE ragged army of shaved skulls and steel-capped boots stomped by to a soundtrack of old German marching tunes, and Harald Schühner could only shake his head in despair.

About 5,000 people took part in the biggest neo-Nazi procession Germany has seen in recent years. They were escorted by 6,000 police on their march through the streets of Rostock, a housing estate in the Baltic city of Rostock where unemployment is the norm and the frustration is palpable.

"It's a bloody disgrace, allowing these people to march like this," Mr Schühner, a 40-year-old buildings inspector, said, incredulous that his street had been invaded by skinheads marching eight abreast as far as the eye could see.

"We're marching here, the national resistance," they chanted. "Helmut Kohl, the people's traitor."

"And what are the police doing?" Mr Schühner added. "They're protecting them."

Hundreds of riot police

stood at the ready in case of trouble, and huge water cannons were on hand. But the neo-Nazis were on their best behaviour on Saturday.

"Our relations with the police are excellent," said Torsten Kowalski, aged 27, a skinhead who leads the "national resistance" in Rostock and will stand for election on Sunday.

"They know they never have trouble with us, only with leftwing terrorists."

Arrayed in mock military formation, the mainly young German men were given marching orders by the ring-leaders through a public address system on a lorry.

Mr Kowalski appealed to the people of Rostock to pull Germany back from the brink of ruin by voting for the extreme right.

"Do you want the Germans to be a minority in their own country?" he shouted. "It's



Neo-Nazis hold a banner reading, 'Stop betraying the people', at a weekend march for the ultra-right National Democratic Party of Germany in Rostock. PHOTOGRAPH: REINHARD KRAUSE

unbearable. There are 6 million Germans out of work, there are 3 million registered foreigners working here and another million working illegally. We've had enough of this anti-German policy.

The march was the election rally for Mr Kowalski's party, the National Democratic Party of Germany (NPD), which is running in Sunday's poll as one of three extreme-right parties. It was also to remember the neo-Nazi riots

six years ago, when skinheads torched the homes of Vietnamese immigrants and fought running battles with police.

But the neo-fascists also chose Rostock because it is fertile ground for their hate-filled message. With 220,000 people, it is the biggest city in the eastern state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the poorest of the 16 federal states and the one with worst unemployment — two factors that have acted as recruiting sergeant

for the NPD in recent years. Although the immigrant community of Rostock is the smallest in Germany, last year the state had the country's worst record of violence against foreigners, 30 times higher than in neighbouring Lower Saxony, according to the intelligence service.

The neo-Nazi fringe, the NPD and its rival German People's Union (DPU), are confident they are knocking on an open door in appealing

to the rampant xenophobia of provincial eastern Germany. Recent evidence suggests they could be right.

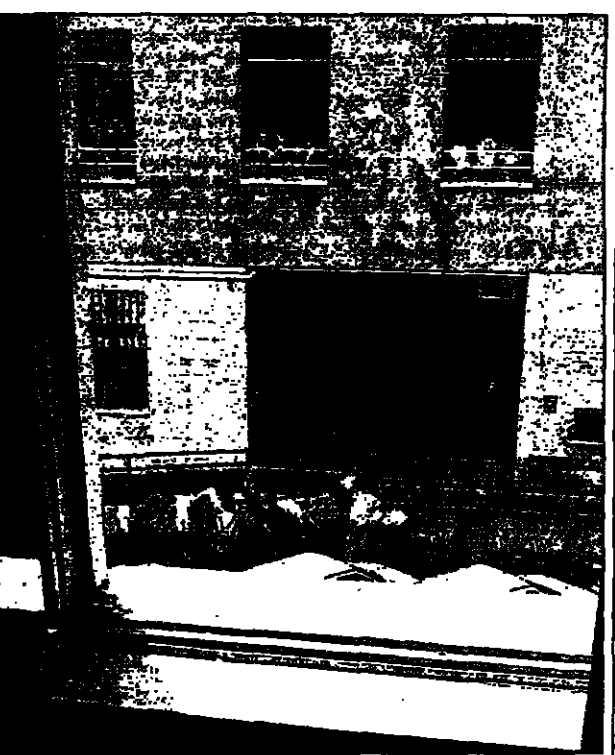
An internal government survey in June found that 32 per cent of people aged under 30 could vote for the extreme right in Rostock. The Bonn establishment was shocked when, two months ago in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, the DPU, a phantom party led by a Munich millionaire, came from nowhere

to take 13 per cent of the vote. That percentage included almost a third of under-30s.

The German voting system, which requires any party to get 5 per cent of the national vote to enter parliament, means the extreme right will fail to qualify nationally because its vote is split between the NPD, the DPU and the Republicans. But the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern state parliament also gets elected next Sunday, and pollsters predict

that both the NPD and the DPU could get into the chamber in Schwerin.

Manfred Röder, a lawyer who is godfather to the neo-Nazi movement, says he knows why. "This Germany is a repressive state, and everything that's gone wrong is the fault of the government in Bonn — unemployment, the aimlessness of youth. This country is too small to be overrun by millions of foreigners. We'll get 8-10 per cent.



The window of the lecturers' room at the Rome university Sapienza, from which Marta Russo was allegedly shot

Murder mystery puts Italian prosecutors in the dock

The killing of a law student has exposed a legal system in crisis, reports John Hooper in Rome

THE bizarre case of two young philosophy lecturers accused of an apparently motiveless murder has turned from a legal curiosity into a political controversy. Even Italy's prime minister, Romano Prodi, has stated his position.

The body responsible for the legal system — the equivalent of Britain's Lord Chancellor's office — is to meet this week to decide whether to take disciplinary action against the prosecutors in the trial in Rome, which resumes tomorrow.

A video, shown in court last week and broadcast on Italian television, captures the two lecturers threatening a witness with life imprisonment if she refuses to give evidence incriminating the defendants.

The role of Italy's im-

mensely powerful prosecutors is a repeated theme in rows about the sorry state of the country's justice system. In this case they were helped by the secret service.

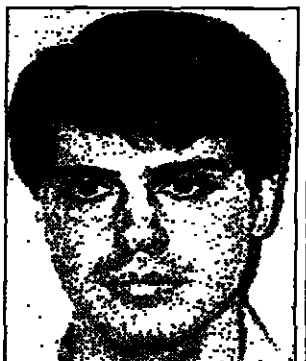
The two lecturers, Giovanni Scattone, aged 30, and Salvatore Ferraro, aged 30, are charged, together with a library attendant, of murdering a law student, Marta Russo, last May. It is alleged they shot her with a .22 weapon from a junior lecturers' common room as she walked across the campus at the Sapienza, Rome's largest and oldest university.

But the weapon they are alleged to have used has never been found, and no motive has been established.

It is known that all three men were gun enthusiasts. It is also suggested that the de-



Ferraro (left) and Scattone, the accused lecturers



fendants were imitating a scene from the film Schindler's List in which the concentration camp commandant shoots at inmates from his balcony. The film was shown on Italian television on the night of the murder.

It is also alleged that Mr Scattone and Mr Ferraro gave tutorials discussing a crime that could not be successfully prosecuted because of the

lack of a motive. But the mystery remains as to why the killer would have fired from a room which people were constantly entering.

The case against the two philosophers and their alleged accomplice, Francesco Liparota, rests on a secretary, Gabriella Alletto. She told the court last week that she had heard a noise and that, when she turned around, she

glimpsed Mr Scattone, half-hidden behind curtains, pull back from the open window with a pistol in his hand. The other two men were with him.

However, the video shown last week showed her telling a different story — swearing that she was not in the room and tearfully denying she had seen either of the two lecturers that day. The recording also showed the prosecutors warning her, "You are guilty of murder" and "you will never again come out of prison".

Mr Prodi called it a "very serious matter". The video reinforced allegations repeated since the mass failings of the anti-corruption drive of the early 1990s that prosecutors routinely use the threat of imprisonment to extract dubious confessions.

The opposition, led by Silvio Berlusconi, who is himself battling to stay out of jail, has called for a change in the role of the prosecutors, who enjoy the status of judges yet fulfil many of the duties that, in other societies, are fulfilled

by the police. The prosecutors were astonished by the outcry. They gave the video to the court to show that taped extracts from the interrogation had not been manipulated. The video had been made secretly, with equipment supplied by the intelligence services, because the prosecutors suspected Ms Alletto might be communicating by sign with her brother-in-law, a police inspector.

A judge had refused to authorise the filming, and Ms Alletto's lawyer was not present when they questioned her, although she was apparently regarded as a suspect.

Yet when pressed about the apparent irregularities in court, one of the prosecutors burst out: "What do you think? That murder inquiries are carried out offering tea and little cakes?"

In a report to the justice minister at the weekend, the chief prosecutor of Rome exonerated his subordinates, saying he saw nothing wrong with their methods or procedures.

Claims by Iraqi defector complicate UN efforts

Ian Black in New York

THE crisis between Iraq and the West deepened yesterday with new allegations about sanctions-busting by Baghdad, and no resolution of the latest stand-off over United Nations weapons inspectors.

With world leaders gathering for the UN General Assembly today and Iraq announcing new talks with the secretary general, Kofi Annan, a description from a defector of how the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein, organised oil smuggling in contravention of UN sanctions seemed designed to bolster international support for the measures.

The defector, Sami Salih, is probably the most important Iraqi to reach the West since Saddam's brother-in-law, Hussein Kamel, revealed details of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons programmes when he fled from Iraq to Jordan three years ago.

Mr Salih, now in hiding in Belgium, is said to have given Washington and London vital information about a network of front companies in Europe and the Middle East that were set up to handle the illegal oil trade. Now he is clearly being exploited for his propaganda value.

His debriefing by Britain's foreign intelligence service, MI6, and the CIA provided details about how Iraq, long a bitter enemy of Iran, had apparently helped ship Iraqi

oil through its territorial waters in return for a slice of the profits.

Turkey and Jordan were also named as important routes for exporting oil, as well as importing goods banned under the sanctions regime.

The Sunday Telegraph quoted the defector, who was imprisoned and tortured in Iraq before his escape to Jordan, as saying that Saddam had regularly flouted the requirements of the UN special commission, Unscm.

"Saddam never had any intention of complying with the inspection teams," he is said to have claimed. "I have seen missiles hidden all over Iraq. I have seen them stored under swimming pools and on farms."

"The sanctions should stay in place as long as Saddam is in power."

Concerned at accusations that it has softened its stance on the inspections and that it is distracted by President Clinton's mounting domestic problems, the US State Department last week warned Iraq against ceasing cooperation with Unscm.

That warning came after the Baghdad leadership threatened to end further arms inspections if the UN Security Council did not reverse last week's resolution, passed as punishment for Iraq's lack of cooperation, to suspend regular reviews of the sanctions. Without the reviews there is no hope of lifting or easing the embargoes.

Yesterday, Iraq said it would send a delegation to New York shortly to meet Mr Annan to try to resolve the stand-off. The meeting would discuss a proposal by the secretary-general dealing with both the stand-off and the review of sanctions on Iraq.

According to an al-Saad adviser at the presidential office, Iraq decided to halt cooperation with Unscm and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) — which monitors Iraq's nuclear programme — unless Unscm is restructured to reduce what Iraq calls excessive United States influence. But the Security Council offered Baghdad a carrot by calling for a "comprehensive review" of embargoes if it resumed cooperation with the arms inspectors.

Mr al-Saad insisted that Iraq would not talk with Unscm to resolve the stand-off.

"It is useless," he said. "We have been talking with them for the past seven years and that led us to nowhere."

Iraq allows the inspectors to monitor sites which have been identified as having evidence of prohibited weapons, but it has threatened to withdraw this permission if the Security Council does not rescind its resolution suspending the regular reviews of sanctions.

Yesterday, Iraq also condemned the US for inspecting Iraqi vessels in the Gulf and said the procedure was delaying the delivery of food and medical supplies.

South Africa's spies show old habits die hard

Confusion rules at spy agency, writes David Beresford in Johannesburg

A SENIOR government official who is responsible for the control of the sale of weapons under South Africa's strict code governing the trade, was asked recently whether he believed his country's arms were playing a role in the Congo war.

"I watch CNN very carefully," he replied with apparent seriousness. "But I haven't seen any South African equipment being used so far."

Next week the country's black elite are to stage a symposium on the African Renaissance, a dream nursed by President Nelson Mandela's heir apparent, Thabo Mbeki, which would see South Africa masterminding a rebirth of hope for the continent.

But, from its humiliation by Nigeria over the execution of writer Ken Saro-Wiwa to its current inadequate attempts to resolve the crisis over Lesotho's rigged elections, the attempt by the continent's "super power" to play peacemaker has been marked by a never-ending debacle.

The explanation appears to lie largely with the frustra-

tion of the government official who peered at his television for information about the arms trade — it reports the virtual collapse of the intelligence-gathering capacity.

South Africa's apartheid-era spy agencies were infamous for their lack of a degree of respect in the intelligence world.

Four years after the collapse of apartheid, the agencies' failures have left their political masters staggering virtually blindfold around the quagmires of foreign policy.

Yesterday newspapers reported that Robert McBride, a foreign affairs desk officer who was picked up in Mozambique on gun-running charges, had documents to prove he was working for South Africa's National Intelligence Agency (NIA).

Mr McBride's return home this week, after six months' detention without trial, was marked by the failure of any of his "comrades" to greet him at Johannesburg International airport, in what appeared to be a studied snub.

It followed repeated disavowals of Mr McBride, an ANC liberation "hero", by both the government and security chiefs.

In fact, McBride appears to have been working not only for the NIA, but evidence previously reported in detail by the Guardian suggest he was set up on the arms charges by fellow members of the South African intelligence

community.

Last week parliament heard of the possible involvement of the NIA in the sinister activities of the fugitive Zairean general who set up home in South Africa after the fall of Mobutu.

A week earlier South African television had related how the NIA "special project unit" set up to track down missing billions believed to have been hidden in Swiss bank during apartheid, was itself apparently fishing state funds.

Before that there was the Guardian story of the senior NIA analyst, Donovan Nel, who appeared to have been framed on charges of threatening to blow up Mr Mandela in another spy versus spy imbroglio within the agency. And that, in turn, followed a scandal over the theft of 11 minibuses and high tech surveillance equipment from the NIA's premises.

Capping the apparent disintegration of South Africa's intelligence gathering capacity are suggestions that the country — as a result of gestures of friendship towards the likes of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and Cuba's President Fidel Castro, as well as its security incompetence — has lost the access it used to have to US satellite intelligence.

In the circumstances it is hardly surprising that Mr Mandela has shown himself to be confused as to whose side South Africa is on in the conflict in Congo.

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THE moral and aesthetic debate raging over the building of a Holocaust memorial in the prime real estate quarter of central Berlin has now become a campaign issue. Chancellor Helmut Kohl announced the plan to build the memorial nearly a decade ago, and the search for a design began over four years ago. He vetoed the first design, a 100 yard by 100 yard tombstone which he deemed as "monstrous".

The selection committee could not agree on a single design, so it recommended two. The judges, rather than choose between them, added two more designs to the shortlist. At that point a public forum was set up with the highly unrealistic goal of reaching consensus on whether it was necessary to have a memorial, how it should look and where it should stand.

At each stymied attempt, Kohl warned about the disgrace Germany would suffer in the eyes of the world if the memorial were not built. But now Kohl, who seems settled on the design by architect Peter Eisenman and sculptor Richard Serra, is running out of time; he is pushing for a final decision on the design before Sunday's election, so worried is he that the project will be cancelled if he loses to Social Democratic challenger Gerhard Schröder.

Schröder might well cancel it. In a dig at Kohl's pet project, his cultural affairs advisor suggested that the 25 million allocated for it would be better spent on the upkeep of existing memorials, in particular the former concentration camps, falling into disrepair due to lack of funds.

Staking one's claim for the moral high ground on this issue is not restricted to politicians. Leading German intellectuals and writers are also voicing concerns. Can a single physical structure do justice to the scale of the atrocity? Is it possible to find an aesthetic solution to the dilemma of how to commemorate Europe's murdered Jews?

What about the Gypsies, Communists, homosexuals, anarchists, disabled people, and many others who, although not part of well-orchestrated genocide, still fell victim? Does a monument teach anything about history, or is it only a symbol?

The debate is as much about the nature of post-war German identity as it is about Hitler's victims. Does Germany want to show future generations about its history or does it want an enormous symbol to show the rest of the world that it has already learned lessons from its past?

There should be not one memorial in Berlin, but many — marking where trains pulled out and where shops were vandalised and where people once lived who suddenly disappeared. Then in future, without inherited guilt or shame, children could analyse the ubiquitous claim of "I didn't know" and come to the question of individual responsibility in one's own community, where racism and xenophobia continue to thrive.

Third Way...



Civic spirit is still strong. But it doesn't count for much on your CV

Madeleine Bunting



I AM sick of sex. Before you commiserate with, or seduce, my husband, I'd better clarify that I'm sick of hearing, reading and watching sex. The orgy of self revelation last week has been about as erotic as watching cattle copulate. So I'm declaring a sex-free zone. If you're looking for details of whipped cream, cigars or other unexpected sex accessories, pass on.

In the conference on the Third Way today in New York, expect to hear a lot about community. Expect to hear even more over the next three weeks of the conference season. Last year, the word community appeared in newspaper coverage of the respective party conferences: Tories 34 times, LibDems 10 and Labour 6. In September and October 1997, community cropped up in stories about the Labour Party a staggering 191 times; that's on average three times a day. Community has become a political mantra: calming, spreading a sense of well-being, but hard to see what it actually means.

The LibDems are first off with a proposal for another trowel's worth of community to education. Don Foster, education spokesman, is proposing that Neighbourhood Schools Trusts made up of the local community and businesses should take over the running of schools. For more than a decade everyone — Tory, Labour and LibDem — have been applying community to the problem of educational underperformance. The rhetoric of dispersing power to people to run the institutions which affect their lives is unobjectionable. But, having spent three and half hours at a school governors' meeting last week, the idea filled me with scepticism. The

meeting started with the familiar appeal for governors to serve in vacancies at another school. Just who and where are the people who have hours to spare every week, developing the huge expertise in complicated issues from educational policy to insurance required to run a school? (The unpleasant discovery last week was that contrary to all previous assurances, there is a grey area in the law and that governors could be personally liable in lawsuits against the school.) Being a governor is a thankless, time-consuming task which — given the enormous responsibility — demands an expertise that worryingly few governors manage to develop.

Just as we learn that the British work unsocially long hours compared with our European counterparts; just as we learn that a huge proportion of mothers are now working; just as we jump on every labour-saving device and every service industry to relieve the rush; we learn that its our civic duty to run our kids' schools. Bizarre.

There has been a crisis of confidence in the effectiveness of the state and in educational policy in particular, everyone has landed on the "community" as the solution. Sociologist Matt Ridley who argues in *The Origins of Virtue*, that one of the most distinctive characteristics of the human species is the evolution of our social instincts, ("society is as much a product of our genes as our bodies are") blames the welfare state for crippling them. He writes the welfare state replaced "thousands of effective community institutions — friendly societies, mutuals, hospital trusts and more, all based on reciprocity and gradually nurtured virtuous

circles of trust with giant, centralised Leviathans like the NHS, nationalised industries and government quangos, all based on condescension".

Ridley has given intellectual credibility to an idea first framed by the Tories but now partially adopted by Labour: if you roll back the state, you will rekindle the frameworks of mutuality and co-operation. I have two concerns. Firstly, that although the rhetoric in educational policy is about dispersing power, in reality, under both the Tories and Labour, there has been successive and massive extension of centralised power into the classroom. The National Curriculum under the Tories laid down what had to be taught, and through such initiatives as the Literacy Hour, Labour is prescribing exactly how to teach it.

My second concern is with the credibility of the concepts of duty and altruism which underpin the debate about community and civic spirit. The question of motivation and how culture conditions it, is where the debate on community needs to be. Who volunteers and why? And what chance is there of increasing their number?

The headline figures undermine the doom-mongers' argument of a decline in civic spirit — 22 million Britons volunteer for on average four hours a week. But volunteering is, as one expects, patchy. It is higher in prosperous neighbourhoods, among higher socio-economic groups. Indeed its absence can be taken as a relatively reliable indicator of social exclusion. Civic spirit is not so much in decline as inconsistent. It probably always has been. There's a dangerous

nostalgia in the Ridley argument. It was precisely the terrible holes left by networks of community institutions and charities which prompted the welfare state.

The headline figure masks a shift from younger volunteers to older. Among the 18-24 age group the numbers of volunteers has dropped by 12 per cent 1991-7 and their hours from 2.7 to 0.7. Another significant finding was that, when questioned about motivation, personal benefit ranked high; they referred to meeting new people and wanting a reference on their CV.

Does this help explain the difficulties of recruiting nurses, teachers and midwives? Of course pay is relevant, but in the coverage last week, there was little reference to what has traditionally motivated millions to go into these caring professions — altruism. In a culture in which self-sacrifice and service to others is held out as an unparalleled ideal, then professions dedicated to them confer status — the concept which dominated discussion of the issue last week.

Only a materialistic culture determines status simply by wealth. Personal virtue (often female, often of Irish origin) has subsidised these public services for several generations. No longer.

Ridley's argument that there has been a decline in civic spirit may be partly correct. We are failing to transmit ideals to the X generation. But surely the welfare state is less to blame than competitive, consumer capitalism? The ethos of competitiveness has sunk deep into the way we socialise our children. Life is a race, and you've got to be the first off the starting block.

Why do journalists recycle the leaks as though they are fact?

Hunting with hounds

Peter Preston



NO community of journalists spends more time agonising about its ethics and the need for public trust. That is the American way. Once the story of Clinton and Lewinsky is done, once the final juke has been squeezed and spat away, you may bet on a spate of special seminars and learned reports reviewing the lessons and making lofty rededications to a cleaner, brighter future. Phooey! The time for such lessons is now.

Newspapermen and broadcasters need to understand their audience. They have to stay in touch with its feelings and concerns. A few weeks ago one such (British) audience was treated to a further warm bath of Diana remembrance. But, yet again, the people had the last, hollow laugh. They had spilled unheralded emotion in the immediate aftermath of her death. A year on, though, they suddenly moved on.

There was nothing to be ashamed of there. The clamours of public opinion got it wrong once, then wrong again. Who could unerringly catch such a fleeting mood? But the Bill/Monica equation has no similar reflexes to offer. American opinion, exhaustively polled, is clear where it stands as another sordid week begins. It does not revere its president, but it does not want him impeached. It continues to stand by his record in office. It does not want to see that allegedly squirming video, nor to read another 2,800 pages of evidence. But what it wants is not what it is going to get.

Many sub-groups within the media (and politics) may quite legitimately not care a fig about that. Some have been pursuing Clinton since he emerged from the obscurity of the governor's mansion in Little Rock. They hate his "liberal" policies and his glib persona. They think him a bad lot, to be hounded down and exposed at almost any cost.

Others are less dedicatedly antipathetic. They thought that Ken Starr was probably going too far. They were alarmed about the process and the system. But they are, quite genuinely, sickened by the details of the sexual encounters and the legal evasions summoned by a trained lawyer to conceal them.

These, in their book, are high crimes and misdemeanours. Time to go: a judgment carefully formed. Crucially, however, neither the zealous hunters nor the sincerely sickened form a majority of the pack. They are a minority within their own small world, just as they are a minority within the greater spread of the United States.

TWO more sub-sections. The politicians — for all their prating about sacred responsibilities and the majestic duty to administer even-handed justice, have rapidly done the predictable thing: divided along narrow political lines. The Republicans are gambling on electoral advantage to come. Well, they would, wouldn't they? But what of the legions of the non-partisan: the reporters and producers and analysts just following the story, just doing their job? Why do they, in every question, every soundbite, seem so damnably eager? Why do they keep invoking Watergate (as though seedy fumbles between consenting adults were the 90s equivalent of burglary, bug-ging and the subversion of federal agencies)? Why do they perpetually recycle the leaks — good, bad and lousy — of legal "insiders" as though they were fact, not a sometimes vicious spin on reality? Why, this morning, are they arrayed alongside the Republicans on the committee who wish to pour

every word and every picture on to the great disseminator of the Net?

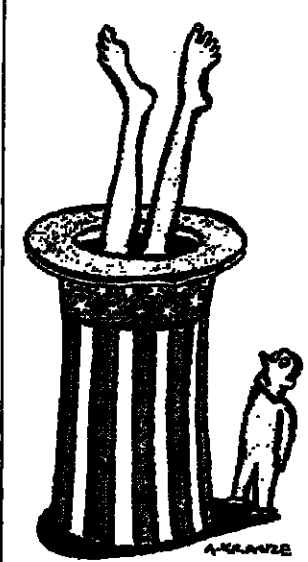
What makes them think that they have got it right, and that the public's right not to know, clearly manifested, counts for nothing? This is another sort of gamble. If Newt Gingrich and Henry Hyde have got it wrong, they'll pay when elections come around. But the media stands at no elections: the damage it does to itself will not be so easily expunged.

The video we'll have a chance to see in a few hours may or may not portray a snarling president on the ropes. The TV newscasters talking of "bombshells" and "nails in coffins" have not seen it. They parrot what the friends of Starr and their mates on the Judiciary Committee say. They haven't read the 2,800 pages of damning this or damning that.

This isn't the journalism they talk about piously in other forums. It is a gallop in search of a given solution: the guy's a disgrace and he has to be got rid of somehow. If the public disagrees, the public is deluded. Clinton must be brought down because everyone who's advocated his demise will look a trifle foolish if he survives.

But the issues are rather different. If illicit sex is the crucifier of elected presidents, then America's history would be greatly changed: no Jefferson, FDR or JFK. If lying about it is "high crime", then the divorce courts would be a fast track to the cage.

Impeachment is not a flippancy exercise. It is the most profound overturning of the will of the electorate, twice clearly expressed. And it requires a fundamental seriousness of purpose, a basic



American opinion doesn't want to see that allegedly squirming video

echoing of the legal imperative: innocent until proved guilty. Today is something else. Everybody knows, or says, Clinton is a liar. He's been through the mincer of prosecution questioning for four hours. Lewinsky is a liar. She junked the story she first told under oath, then told another in uncanonically commodious detail. No one has had the chance to mince her in the dock. Why did she keep that dress for two-and-a-half years? How much will she make from her touted book? There is no chance to ask the questions, because the name of the game is summary injustice.

There is a case, sure enough, for impeachment. There is a case, after the mid-term elections, for hearings in the House of Representatives where the evidence may be cited and subject to cross-examination. But there is no case at all for this week's bad cause, which is the dumping of everything in the public domain as a spectacle in embarrassment, intended — at last — to make the people change their minds.

Congress is the Judge and jury here. That's what the constitution says. No forced resignation without representation. No insistent cacophony designed to produce an instant result. Of course the Republicans want that. But why are the journalists tagging along, bent on writing the end by any means? They will regret it soon enough. And so shall we.

Dog day afternoon

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

THE idea came to me in what is called a flash — an explosion of unexpected and unaccounted inspiration. At the time when lightning struck, I had just finished a hot and bappy hour talking about last year's book and I was walking in the Hay on Wye sunshine towards the Festival beer tent. Festival audiences are kind. So I was lulled into a false and dangerous sense of well-being.

The young lady who approached me reeked with sincerity. "You are," she said, "my literary hero, the journalist I most admire in all the world." Despite the implausibility of her protestations, I still did not recognise her as a phoney. Indeed, I put my head on one side like an attentive (if unusually large) sparrow and waited for more well-in-

formed lit crit. Although I was not disappointed, I was distressed. For she went on to say, "I hope you're not dumbing down. I hear you have written a book about your dog. What happened to the great novelist?" I was about to tell her that the great novelist was alive and well and would return to fiction as soon as he could find a large supply of old-fashioned, quick-drying Topp-Kx, when Antony Howard — a long-standing friend who takes a depressingly professional interest in me since becoming obituary editor of *The Times* — laid a restraining hand on my arm. "She is," he said, "from *The Evening Standard* Londoner's Diary." It was then that I exhibited what John F Kennedy — writing about being torpedoed by a Japanese submarine — called grace under pressure. Pulling my great novelist's face, I replied: "If Virginia Woolf can do it, I can do it."

The extraordinary aspect of that answer had nothing to do with the fact that I have never read *Flush*. I talk about dozens of books that I have never read. But I have barely heard of the life story of Elizabeth Barrett Browning as told by her dog. Perhaps I briefly thought it when, three years ago, I visited the house in which the poet died. On one of the walls, there was a picture of Mrs B hugging a spaniel to the point of asphyxiation. But that was certainly the first time in three decades that *Flush* came into my mind at just the right moment. I gave thanks not to the gods who watch over gossip column victims but to Buster. He has made me think dog.

If, in my dogless days, you had whispered pre-Raphaelite in my ear, I would have responded, "Light of the World." Not now. Clearly the best of all the brotherhood's work is "Order for Release" in which the wounded Jacobite is reunited with the de-

voted wife who has brought his pardon to the Hanoverian jail. She has also brought his dog. It is, in the words of the training manuals, "jumping up" — a habit which disciplined dogs eschew. Buster jumps up. When I get home from America, his paws will

When I get home, his paws will punch me in the groin as soon as I walk in. And I will love it

punch me in the groin as soon as I walk through the door. And I will love it. Buster has changed my view of literature as well as of art. These days, Bill Sykes' brutality towards Nancy seems a trivial offence as compared with his treatment of Bullseye. My sympathy for the Spanish civil war republicans is di-

minished every time I recall how little homage they paid to their Catalan mascot — at least according to George Orwell. How could Huxley have created a character who dropped a Pekinese out of an aeroplane? Owning a dog has excited a new sort of sympathy in me. The dog-deprived may call it sentimentality. But however it is described, it means that I support the hound of the Baskervilles rather than Sherlock Holmes.

There is no doubt that as works of art, books that lack canine interest are incomplete. Howard's *End* should have had a couple of Labradors in the garden. The Nottingham miners were surely not so preoccupied with their sons and lovers that they had no time for whippet racing. John Le Carré's secret agents would have possessed extra emotional depth if, before they were smuggled into the Soviet Union, they had agonised about leaving their terriers

in kennels. The Right Stuff should not have paid tribute to the first men in space without making clear that a dog had made the journey 10 years earlier.

Buster's Diaries — written with me as Boswell to his Johnson — does not claim to redress the literary balance. Nor does it offer a dog's eye view on questions which are none of a literary dog's business. Buster has no opinion on the single European currency. And he does not pass judgment on President Clinton's comest and character. He simply describes the difficulties of owning a man and teaching him to behave in a way which does not upset the neighbours. I suppose that it has a happy ending. In a little less than three years, he has managed to get me more or less under control. After all, I did not bite the young lady from *The Evening Standard's* Londoner's Diary.

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'In all societies, men show a greater desire for sex with many partners than women'
Steven Pinker, Letters

Paddy eyes his prize

But can he trust Labour?

Will this be Paddy Ashdown's last Liberal Democrat conference as leader? At last year's conference he reminded delegates that large political prizes like constitutional change are only achieved by taking risks. As befits a former marine boat squadron commander, Paddy Ashdown has been taking lots of risks. Against the wishes of his tribal followers, the Liberal Democrat leader has refused to follow a traditional opposition party path. Instead of opposing everything the Government has done, he has sought to co-operate with Labour where possible and obstruct only where necessary. Yet having been "cosy" with Labour for 18 months, will the historic prize of proportional representation still be snatched from his grasp?

The constitutional commission which is looking at the best proportional alternative to Britain's current first-past-the-post voting system will report as soon as this season's political conferences conclude in October.

Whatever system is finally proposed, it will mean fewer seats for Labour. This will not please Labour MPs. A campaign in support of first-past-the-post, backed by union money, has already been launched. Only two members of Labour's cabinet are ardent electoral reformers — Mo Mowlam and Robin Cook. Labour's biggest hitters — Prescott, Brown, Straw — are all either opposed or unenthusiastic. Tony Blair has still not signalled his position. Even some of Ashdown's friends are saying he would have to resign if Blair campaigns against the commission's recommendation. Was it sensible of Ashdown to place his future in Blair's hands?

Ashdown's success in rebuilding the Liberal Democrats is widely acknowledged. In his 10 years as leader, he has guided his party from a humiliating position below even the Greens to a point where, with 46 MPs and 5,000 councillors, it is the largest third political force since 1985. If he succeeds — as he deserves to do — in his bid to introduce a more proportional electoral system into Britain, he will have become the most successful Liberal leader since Lloyd George. The reason he placed his future in Blair's hands was because Blair is the only man who can deliver electoral reform. He has a majority of 180.

But will Blair rise to the challenge? For all

the difficulties he will face in his party, he looks ready to take on the task. Remember, it was at last year's Labour Party conference that he addressed the "nervousness" in his party about "what I am doing with the Liberal Democrats". It was there that he acknowledged his heroes included not just Labour leaders like Bevin, Bevan and Attlee but Liberal reformers such as Keynes, Beveridge and Lloyd George. In the same speech he signalled his frustration with two left-of-centre parties competing for the same territory: "Division among radicals almost 100 years ago resulted in a 20th century dominated by Conservatives. I want the 21st century to be the century of the radical."

The Liberal Democrats' constructive opposition has worked, and has not prevented them attacking Labour's under-funding of schools and hospitals. Blair has already demonstrated a commitment to constitutional change through devolution to Scotland and Wales, proportional representation in the forthcoming Scottish, Welsh and European elections, and the move to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights. It was Blair who selected a Liberal Democrat, Lord Jenkins, to head the constitutional commission on electoral reform. Remember Lord Jenkins would like to get into the history books as well as write them. He is concentrating on a practical solution

which would be supported by both sides. There will be howls of protest from the tribalists. It will be too weak for the proportional representation purists in the Lib Dems and too strong for some Labour supporters, but Paddy's faith in Tony could turn out to be well placed.

Trial by video

Hounding the President, take two

AFTER the text of the Starr investigation, the footnotes, the critical analysis, you might think there was nothing left to say. You would be wrong. Today we will get a videotape of President Clinton's four-hour grand jury testimony, transcripts of messages he left on Monica Lewinsky's answering machine, an inventory of the items taken from Ms Lewinsky's apartment by the FBI, even the text of her unsent letters to the President and files removed from her computer hard drive. The investigators can no longer claim this is freedom and democracy in action: it is a witch-hunt, pure and simple: no life would stand up to this minute examination, this moment-by-moment dismantling. It is painful, pathetic, pointless, serving only to create a flood of McCarthyite smear and counter-smear, the Republi-

cans want blood, preferably blood tested for the President's DNA.

The only people to emerge with any credit from this sordid saga are the American public, who continue to show the sound sense they have demonstrated throughout. Americans are against the public release of the video by a 2-1 margin; fewer than 50 per cent say they will watch it (this may of course be another example of people lying to pollsters — viewing figures will make interesting reading); and only a third of those polled said they approved of the way Congress was handling the matter. "Playboy would not be allowed to put that kind of pornography on the airwaves," said one Clinton supporter, expressing the view among the Democrats that this is now about humiliation rather than honour, party advantage rather than principle.

Already, with the polls also showing support for the President slipping, his obituaries are being written and his legacy discussed, with cynics suggesting he will be remembered for nothing more than furtive hallway sex. Tony Blair will today discover whether the business of government can proceed in this atmosphere when he shares a platform with the President at a conference on the "Third Way" in New York. Never have the philosophy of politics and its ugly practice been so starkly juxtaposed.

Letters to the Editor

A row is brewing

MATTHEW Engel's tea recipe (September 19) misses out the essentials. Most tea-bags contain the dust left behind after the leaf has been removed. If you start with a box instead of a bag, at least you can see what you're getting. As to milk, most English people make tea so strong, their taste buds can't get near it, and then they camouflage what's left with milk. Adding milk to real tea makes about as much sense as squirting ketchup into your sherry. Leslie Caplan, London.

In his book, *English Place* Names, Prof Kenneth Cameron says that the name Manchester means "town on the round, breast-like hill". The word "man" originally meaning "breast". An old atlas I found said that the name meant a town on two hills shaped like a woman's breast. Now I'm a Manchester man but for the life of me I don't know a single hill in Manchester shaped like a woman's breasts. Where are they exactly? Michael Knowles, Congleton, Cheshire.

I AM an Ofsted inspector. The day before the announcement of Chris Woodhead's 45 per cent pay rise (September 19), I received a letter from the inspection agency which employs me asking how much I was prepared to reduce my daily pay allowance in order to make the agency's tenders more competitive. Was Mr Woodhead's job put out to tender? Name and address supplied.

WE'VE read about oral sex while the President was engaged in a telephone conversation and also the *diversimond* with a cigar. But what is the Third Way that Bill and Tony are always talking about? The mind boggles. John Sheeran, Cheltenham.

CLINTON should just have used the language of the *Kama Sutra*: "I was never in congress with Monica Lewinsky. I was in the Oval Office." Syd Cunliffe, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

Pinker on the president

IN HER attack on my commentary on President Clinton's bad behaviour, Polly Toynbee (Birds do it, Bill does it, September 19) makes two things clear: she hates biological explanations of human motives, and she has no desire to understand what these explanations are.

In all societies, men show a greater desire for sex with many partners than women do. The Darwinian explanation, supported by many kinds of evidence, is that an ancestral man who slept with 50 women could have sired 50 children, and would have been more likely to have had descendants today who inherited his tastes, whereas a woman who slept with 50 men would have had no more descendants than a woman who slept with one. That does not imply that men literally want to make lots of babies, only that before the invention of

contraception, that would have been the likely outcome. And of course, sexual desire is only one component of the human mind; others include a conscience and the ability to foresee the consequences of one's actions, and they may override sexual desire in any given instance.

Toynbee concedes that the explanation "may be based on good science" and that "undoubtedly we are adulterous... and maybe partly for the reasons that (Darwinian psychologists) give". Nonetheless, she indignantly denounces it. Why? Because it is a "determinist answer" which implies that "none of us can help anything", and because it implies that "monogamy is for wimps".

These non sequiturs reveal that Toynbee shows no grasp of probability, multiple causation, or the difference between "is" and "ought". The first is

like saying that we should reject the claim that hungry people are more likely to eat, because it is a determinist answer that implies that none of us can help anything. The second is like saying that we should reject the claim that despotism is good for despots, because it implies that democracy and equality are for wimps.

I was equally surprised to read that Darwinians such as myself ignore self-consciousness, morality, free will, fashion, pleasure, love, loneliness, and the differences between humans and other animals. In fact my recent book, *How the Mind Works*, has detailed discussions of each of these topics. Why did the Guardian publish this rant? Steven Pinker, Professor and director, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

We're having second thoughts on the Third Way

DECCA Aitkenhead (18th September) is quite right to criticise the facile pragmatism of the Third Way, and to point out that the interests of business systematically take precedence over those of ordinary people. But she pulls her punches by dismissing Marxism as some old-fashioned nonsense about "who owns the means of production".

It was the 1988 Communist Manifesto of Marx and Engels, not some Blairite think tank, which first pointed to globalisation as a fundamental dynamic of modern society. As to the relevance of Marxism to modern problems of pollution, BSE, and global warming, is it conceivable that such issues are unrelated to the relentless pursuit of profit by global capital? John Lea, London.

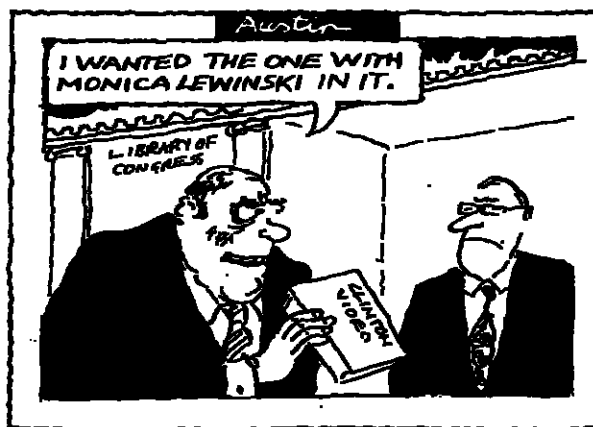
IF only Blairism were merely "Thatcherism with a kind face". Nonetheless, Decca Aitkenhead is spot-on in observing that, "if left and right no longer meant anything, the Third Way would be the Only Way": for, after 16 months in office, Blair's New Labour is disturbingly authoritarian.

This Third Way has been trod before: in 1930s Europe, a clique of ex-socialists claimed they had abolished social conflict. They performed the same sleight-of-hand which New Labour asserts: the ideology of "what works" promoted the well-being of the powerful whilst rhetoric of national renewal and a fake inclusivity undermined popular demand for real change 70 years ago, these people were called "fascists".

Blair's favoured intellectual, Anthony Giddens, should be careful: Heidegger provides us with a chilling example of the brilliant philosopher who allowed himself to fall into the thrall of the Great Leader's court. Mike Diboll, London.

What happens to those people who have not justified their existence in this subtle modification of the perception of the underclass or *unwermens*? Or who challenge the reinvented notion of the under-servicing poor? Because the undeserving rich will, nevertheless, remain rich.

These rights or responsibilities of which Giddens speaks will be defined by the governing group, supported by the selective and remote authority of intellectuals. It is already evident that ministers and their advisers, with the practice of citizen's panels, opinion research, industry focus groups and the party's "bottom-up", will have sufficient evidence to convince the media, and even themselves, that the government is responding to what the nation thinks. But the reverse is likely to be true. In professional marketing style — the creation of a desire or mind-set which is then fulfilled by the product — government policy is a principle which the people at the focus of power are imposing. David Rose, Colne, Lancashire.



On colostrum's udder uses

YOUR correspondents write that "team members are being given colostrum from cows in an experiment... its use in sport had not been heard of until now" (Drugs checks urged on cycle team's "dairy food", September 19).

This is not true. The national Finnish ski-team tested Bioenergi (an extract of bovine colostrum) back in 1992 and its positive action was shown by a measurable reduction in their levels of Creatine Kinase — an enzyme that shows when muscles are under stress.

Since then colostrum has been widely used by athletes involved in endurance and stamina sports in Sweden, Finland and the US. We began selling cow's colostrum to athletes in the UK in 1995. It has

since been used by marathon runners, triathletes, swimmers, cyclists, tennis players, boxers and weight lifters.

The whole point of products such as Bioenergi and Dynamic-Colostrum is that they are entirely natural products. They stimulate the body's own recovery processes — even the Creatine that they contain is in the right form and concentration to be absorbed by the body. They cannot be "over-dosed" (unlike the artificial creatine kinase products on the market). Your correspondents are also incorrect in describing it as "a yellow sticky substance". Colostrum is available freeze dried, or as a clear sterile extract. Dr Jennifer Rees, Technical director, Biomass Ltd.

How the UN boss keeps busy

THE UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, has been actively engaged in efforts to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Leader, September 17). When he was in Durban earlier this month for the meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, he appealed to Africans to resolve their differences through political, not military, means. He held intensive consultations for three days with the leaders of the region, including Presidents Mandela, Mugabe, Njoma, Kabila, Chissano and Dos Santos, to name but a few. Together with the regional organisations, the OAU and SADC, he was trying to find a formula to get the

warring factions to stop fighting and talking. He has not given up.

Furthermore, it is inaccurate to say that Mr Annan, as head of peacekeeping in 1994, failed to raise the alarm ahead of the genocide in Rwanda. The information he was privy to was passed on to the ambassadors of the US, France and Belgium in Kigali. The alarm was clearly sounded, and member states failed to heed it. The international community failed in 1994; let us never again be accused of standing by while such heinous crimes against humanity are being committed. Ahmad Fawzi, Director, UN London.

A faster flow of aid might have prevented the floods

JOHN Vidal wrote a near complete account of the linkage between free market economics, environmental degradation and the increasing incidence of disasters related to weather (Floods: can the misery be prevented? September 19). The most interesting strand of his piece was that it drew attention to the interconnectedness of these issues.

Until the welcome reversal of the trend this year, Britain's spending on overseas development assistance had shown a steady decline for more than eight years, but the downward direction of aid spending is still evident in the plans of the major multilateral and major bilateral donors. Also, within declining aid budgets, the amount used for dealing with the tragedies of humanitarian emergencies such as those that are continuing to unfold in Bangladesh and south Sudan takes a steadily increasing percentage of the total.

The effect of these two trends is to slice the funds available for development from both ends. But since many of the causal effects of complex emergencies can be ascribed to a failure of development and the related discipline of environmental protection, there is a danger that we are being led into a chaotic downward spiral. There is a rich irony in the

fact that emergencies cost more to ameliorate than spending on the good development and environmental practices that would prevent emergencies arising in the first place.

We must all hope that John Vidal's piece will contribute to the widening of the realisation that environmental changes produced by market forces have the capacity to affect even those of us fortunate enough to have been born in the rich, minority world. Such an awakening must surely start to prompt even the least engaged of us to consider how best to guard our own interests. We need to reverse the downward trend in development spending. And we, as consumers, have to make it clear in our every purchase and our every life choice that we are not prepared to indulge in practices ourselves or accept practices by multinationals which encourage environmental degradation. Stuart Sessions, London.

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Down in Doncaster

David McKie



THE actress Diana Rigg, I read in a profile the other day, was born in Doncaster. This is just about the only positive reference to the place I have seen in two years.

Towns, like people, go through bad patches, and Doncaster is in one now. Even this year's staging of the St Leger, the oldest flat racing classic, was not the best it ought to have been, espec-

cially after the favourite in a sub-standard field was withdrawn to be run in France. The Leger, racing writers grumbled, is not what it was. "Is there any life left in the Leger?" demanded the Racing Post. The week was any- thing blighted by the regurgitation of "Donnygate", a municipal scandal which has simultaneously blemished the reputations of the Labour Party, local government and poor underserving Doncaster.

This sleazy saga of fun-packed jaunts for councillors and officials — some paid for by friendly developers, others by the people of Doncaster — was thought to have been fully exposed in an auditor's report last year, but ten days ago the Yorkshire Post, which first revealed these malpractices, claimed the infection would well be revealed. Last Monday a former councillor was jailed for making false expense claims. And on Tuesday police

raided the home of the leader of the council's Conservative group. Then there is Promiscuitygate. Last month, the town found itself plastered all over the media as a kind of unofficial capital of British depravity after its health authority put the town on an HIV alert. Young people emerging well tanked up from night haunts played up the image for all they were worth, flashing sturdy bosoms in front of the cameras and telling lurid tales of condomless mega-sex.

The town's once famous football club had fallen on wretched days. It had come into the hands of a vilified owner (or "benefactor", as he called himself), its ground, Belle Vue, was a crumbling ruin. A fire in the main stand three years ago had led to charges of arson. Part way through last season the manager told his players not to bother to come in for training since the trainers had both been sacked. The Rovers

duly seeped out of the third division, finishing 15 points behind penultimate Brighton. The town's rugby league team is in bottom place in the bottom division. But towns, like people, can be nursed and cherished into recovery. There's a stirring example of that across the county at Halifax, a town once used to routine disparagement, but now buoyant and buzzing. It has certain natural advantages which Doncaster is denied: it's set on a hill, with hills ringed around it, where Doncaster is dead flat. It has suffered less at the hands of the planners, the worst of whose offences in Doncaster was to build a vile rellor road which cuts off its finest building, Sir George Gilbert Scott's parish church, instead of binding it in to the town. It stands today on an arbitrary patch of ground which it shares with a functional construction labelled Car Park 3. You get to it through a

squalid subway, and even then you will probably find it locked because of staff shortages. Halifax nearly lost its delicious Piece Hall (1775) to make way for a car park but, saved by a single vote, it is now a specialist shopping centre. The industrialist, property king and entrepreneur Sir Ernest Hall rescued the mighty mills of the defunct Crossley carpet company and turned them into a wonderful complex of offices, studios, craft shops and galleries.

NEVER expected to write these words, but Halifax is awash with culture. On Saturday Barrie Rutter's Northern Broadside company ended in the Samson Agonistes in the Viaduct Theatre under the mills. Its rugby league team looks like finishing third in the Superleague, while Halifax Town, which fell out of the Football League five years ago, has returned this season in such rampant

form that the town now hopes for promotion.

Some of these contrasts in image are cruelly unjust. There are good things promised in Doncaster with the help of European and millennium money, some planned by the very councillors who have brought it into disrepute. There are serious problems in Halifax — especially the state of some of its schools — which the world tends to overlook since the council, which runs them is called Calderdale rather than Halifax. But Halifax has the sense of a town that is flourishing and Doncaster of one that is languishing.

One small indication, but worth recording perhaps because my recent perambulations suggest a general rule: towns which are doing well always seem to have prominent maps of themselves at the railway station and liberally posted around the centre. Sure enough, Halifax does, and Doncaster doesn't.

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Patricia Hayes

Edna's many guises

IT WAS her starring role in Jeremy Sandford's 1971 television play *Edna the Inebriate* that finally focused the actress Patricia Hayes, who has died aged 88, in the public eye. Down and out, battered by life, the social services, parents and society, her cry "I am not the vagrant!" locked a surrealism of the streets into television's era of social realism.

In a career that began in the 1920s and continued into the 1990s Hayes ranged across television, radio, film and the theatre. She appeared in everything, Shakespeare, George Bernard Shaw, J B Priestley, Edgar Wallace and Alan Bennett. And, as a great comic character actress, she worked with most of the British comedians of the last half century.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s when radio comedy was a mass medium there was Ted Ray and Ray's *A Laugh*. Later came Arthur Haynes, Benny Hill and Frankie Howard. Comedians, she observed, were hard people to play with, because they wanted lines on a plate, and theirs were the laughs that mattered.

But if before Edna there was one part that identified her on the small screen, it was that of Mrs Cravat, in the television version of *Harold's Half Hour*. Mrs Cravat was an archetype, suspicious, truculent, forever retreating or being beaten back — into a private world of resentments, grudges and mad routine.

What Hayes did, with the assistance of Tony Hancock and scriptwriters Galton and Simpson was sketch out, in just a handful of scenes, a character from Dickens, and relocate her in another country, that of Hancock's Macmillan-era lower middle class bohemianism. She also took Mrs Cravat into the affluent society — if only via an egg commercial.

Hayes also played in Dickens on screen: in Alberto Cavalcanti's *Nicholas Nickleby* in 1947 and Christine Eddard's *Little Dorrit* four decades later. Other film appearances included *Candide* (1944), *The Battle of Britain* (1959) and *The Steel* in 1958. In Ron Howard's *Willow* (1988) she was wonderfully (or surprisingly) cast as the good witch.

Patricia Hayes was born in Camberwell, south London, the eldest child of George Hayes, an Irish protestant,

who took a job which he loathed as a minor civil servant. He converted to Catholicism upon marrying her mother, Florence. A tiny, sickly baby at birth, Hayes spent a year in a nursing home, and it was 16 months before she went home. As an adult she was just four foot nine inches tall.

Hayes attended the Sacred Heart School in Wandsworth, and her stage-struck mother pressed her on to the stage as a 12-year-old. She went on to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art — winning, in 1928, the Bancroft Medal. Out of RADA she appeared in J M Barrie's *The Half Hour*, as a maid. A decade in repertory theatre followed: she even played Shylock, complete with a beard. In 1933 she played the boy in *Henry V* and a fairy in *Midsummer Night's Dream* at Stratford's Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and then in 1938, J B Priestley offered her the role of Ruby Birtle, the maid, in *When We Are Married*. It was a role that established her.

She did not have that many opportunities to bring her natural geniality into her parts

She started in radio in the late 1930s, and it saved her, she recalled. Apart from comedy, her greatest success in that medium was probably in a double act with the future *Carry On* actor Charles Hawtrey: she played Henry, in the Children's Hour series *Norman and Henry Bones, Boy Detectives*.

On television from the late 1950s, she featured in shows such as Johnny Speight's *Till Death Do Us Part*, its sequel *In Sickness And In Health*, *The World Of Beachcomber* and *Fat And Dandy*. She returned to Stratford, and the Royal Shakespeare Company, in 1974. She was Maria in *Twelfth Night*, a witch in *Macbeth*, with Nicol Williamson. There were certain rules about her work, she once noted: she would never turn down a job, or ask for too much money, or delude herself that someone else couldn't do the work — and



Actress of depth... Patricia Hayes appeared in everything, from Shakespeare to Benny Hill. PHOTOGRAPH: DOUGLAS H. JEFFERY

she would never get too many of the laughs.

In 1939 she met, and a year later married a fellow actor, Valentine Cope. She had three children, but their relationship, interrupted by the war, ended soon afterwards. Her family, she observed, were the most impor-

tant thing in her life. She is survived by her two daughters and son.

Nigel Fountain

Peter Cotes writes: In many of her roles Patricia Hayes exuded the atmosphere of a certain kind of London. This could

mean gossip and razor-tongued drabs, but the reality was rather different. She was a likeable woman, optimistic and a good sort, even if she did not have that many opportunities to bring that natural geniality into her parts.

Her success in *Edna the Inebriate* Woman changed her

casting, and the way she was perceived, for she was an actress of depth. Edna was one of the fragments of humanity with whom all too many viewers were able to identify.

Patricia Hayes, actress, born December 22, 1909; died September 19, 1998

Susan Barrantes

Horsewoman who bolted

BEING the mother of the Duchess of York is not necessarily every woman's most favoured fantasy. For Susan Barrantes, who has died in a car crash at the age of 61, it was a reality and one that sat well with a personality which was spirited and stridently suited to the polo field, let alone the world's depleted stock of princes, princesses, counts, countesses, pretenders to thrones and others in the international fast social lane.

She was born Susan Wright, one of four children, and raised at Bridgewater House in Lincolnshire. It was the world of pre-war country society. Her mother Doreen was from an Anglo-Irish family — they had an estate near Dublin — while her father, Herbert Wright, after a spell with the 15th/9th Hussars went into commercial agriculture.

The young Susan grew up in Lincoln and Ireland and attended school with Frances Shand-Kydd, future mother of Diana, Princess of Wales. By the mid-1950s she had gravitated into the London society of the "Chelsea set" era. As a debutante in the times when the monarch still did such things, she was presented to the Queen.

Then, with the speed with which debts were then dispatched, she met, and in January 1956 married, at St Margaret's Westminster, Major Ronald Ferguson. They went to live in Lowood, near Sunninghill Park and in 1959 to Dummer, in Hampshire.

But in the early 1970s, after nearly two decades of marriage to Ferguson, Prince Charles's polo manager, and having had two daughters, Jane and Sarah, she met the handsome Argentinian, Hector Barrantes, who not only swept off most of the prizes on the field but also swept off Mrs Ferguson. She and Ferguson were divorced. By late 1973 she had left for Argentina, and became Mrs Barrantes.

The lives of Sarah and Jane were shadowed by the rupture. Sarah was 13. When she was an adult, she and her mother talked on the telephone every week and saw each other four or five times a year when Mrs Barrantes paid her regular visits to Britain; but as children the two girls saw little of her.

This year, Susan Barrantes was quoted as saying: "It has been a mother's agony watching the treatment of Sarah. Oh God, I came to Argentina to escape all that. Have the girls been victims? Of course they have. But I'm not going to talk about it." At the time of her departure from her children, her concern was not

so apparent. Much of British society turned its back on her.

When her daughter's marriage to Prince Andrew was announced there had been additional complications. The 1982 Falklands War was still fresh in the public — and tabloid — memory. Argentinian polo players, especially Hector Barrantes, were not overly welcome on British fields. It was questioned whether she should attend the wedding, particularly since Andrew had fought in the Falklands. Hector Barrantes, meanwhile, was at pains to deny he had volunteered to fight for Argentina. He maintaining that he and his wife had been in America for the entire war.

For the most part, Susan Barrantes was content to be part of the aristocratic polo set in Buenos Aires, which included Baroness Francesca von Thielmann, who recently published Susan Barrantes' book *Polo*. The woman once called "the bolter" for running away from her British husband flung herself into its



Spirited... Barrantes

promotion campaign. She also published, in Argentina, *Estancias and Argentina From The Air*.

She needed the money, because latterly life had not been kind to her. Hector Barrantes, who had been described as the love of her life, died of cancer in 1990, six months after the condition had been detected. For more than 15 years they had both built up Estancia El Pucara, a farm 300 miles away from the Argentinian capital. She sold half of it to Australian tycoon Kerry Packer. If there was another love, apart from the children she announced her devotion to, it was for horses and breeding polo ponies.

At the time of her death she was also running a television production company in Buenos Aires.

Dennis Barker

Susan Barrantes, horsewoman, born June 9, 1937; died September 19, 1998

Antonio Núñez Jiménez

Providing the groundwork for Castro's revolution



Castro's comrade... Núñez Jiménez

PROFESSOR Antonio Núñez Jiménez, who has died aged 75, was a distinguished Cuban geographer who played a central role in Fidel Castro's revolutionary government in its early years. With the deaths in the past year of Carlos Rafael Rodríguez and Manuel Piñero Lescage, only a handful of the important figures of the heroic period of the revolution — apart from the Castro brothers — now survive.

Núñez Jiménez was a man of enormous charm and energy, a man who would not naturally have been drawn into government except in revolutionary times. He had joined Che Guevara's guerrilla column rather belatedly in December 1958, helping the Argentine guerrilla leader to plan the attack on the city of Santa Clara. Núñez had been working as a university professor there, and was detailed off to negotiate the withdrawal of the garrison of the dictator Fulgencio Batista.

He was already known by name to Guevara through his

pioneering textbook, *Geografía de Cuba*, first published in 1954. This had been used by the guerrillas as their guide to the different parts of the island they were seeking to liberate. It was particularly useful to Guevara who had no previous first-hand knowledge of Cuba.

On arrival in Havana, on the morning of victory in January 1959, Guevara was put in charge of the Cabaña fortress, with responsibilities for judging and executing the collaborators and torturers of the Batista era. Núñez Jiménez became his deputy, and helped to introduce the Argentinian to the niceties of Havana life. Unattached to any political party, though both on the extreme left, the two men were ideologically in tune. Núñez shared Guevara's enthusiasm for the liberation movement in Algeria, and for making links with the emerging Third World. Both men were instrumental in securing a close relationship for the revolutionary regime with the Soviet Union.

With his intimate knowledge of the Cuban rural scene, Núñez Jiménez was the obvious candidate to draft the new government's first agrarian reform law in May 1959. Only Fidel and Che Guevara knew its details before it was published. The new law set the tone for the regime, and was to have revolutionary implications for the rest of Latin America over the following 30 years.

Its aim was to make radical changes in the structure of the country's land-holdings, although, as Hugh Thomas points out in his history of the revolution, "the reform was in fact really political in intent rather than strictly economic, since it gave to the government a powerful instrument by which it could arbitrarily impoverish or ruin its enemies". That instrument was INRA, the Agrarian Reform Institute, and Núñez Jiménez became its first director. INRA effectively ran the country during the first chaotic years.

Based in an office block overlooking the Plaza de la

Revolución, built as Batista's City Hall, INRA duplicated all the important ministries of government. Fidel was formally its president, and Guevara ran its department of industries. Later the Central Bank was brought under INRA's control, with Guevara as its president and Núñez as his deputy.

IN DECEMBER 1959, Núñez was sent by Castro to tour western Europe in search of loans. He was notably unsuccessful, possibly because of pressure from the United States. Yet support came from surprising quarters. When he told the Spanish president, Francisco Franco, that Cuba was in some difficulty because the US was demanding compensation for land seized under the terms of his agrarian reform law, Franco is said to have replied: "Don't pay them a penny, not a penny." Later, in 1960, Núñez had better luck in Moscow, where he bought 30 new factories, plus the technicians to run them.

In October 1960, after President Eisenhower had announced an embargo on trade with Cuba, Núñez announced the nationalisation of nearly 600 large private enterprises on the island, including all the banks, 18 distilleries, 61 textile mills, 16 rice mills, 13 large stores, and 11 cinemas.

The heroic phase of the revolution was soon over, and in 1961 INRA's powers were reduced to those of a simple ministry of agriculture. The revolutionary government began to create more orthodox structures through which to run the country. Núñez left INRA and took up an ornamental job as president of the Academy of Sciences. Later he took up a more congenial post as vice-minister of culture.

He was by training a geographer, not an economist, and he had little natural aptitude for organisation. According to an early French visitor, René Dumont, who wrote a critical but friendly book about Cuba's economic development, Núñez Jiménez would have been "better fit-

ted to organise a meeting or ride a horse, banners in the wind, [or] to occupy the territory of the United Fruit Company, than to organise, rationally, the socialist sector of agriculture."

Yet as an independent leftist who knew the Cuban countryside well — and who got on well with both Fidel and Guevara — he had played a crucial role in creating and promoting Cuba's traversable land reform. He just wasn't very good at running it.

He was an enchanting companion and an indefatigable speaker and writer. He had been at Havana university with Castro, and, although somewhat withdrawn from government, he remained one of his closest friends. He had long been preparing a multi-volume history of the Cuban revolution, said to be a hymn to Fidel.

Richard Gott

Antonio Núñez Jiménez, geographer and revolutionary, born 1923; died September 13, 1998

A Country Diary

HORSEY, NORFOLK: It rose from the stubble, its swept-back wings ploughing the north-westerly breeze with effortless grace, while its long loose and deeply knotted tail seemed to sail behind almost on an independent trajectory, like a pair of free-flapping streamers. It was a red kite — a bird of prey that's served, almost more than any other, as a barometer of British attitudes towards nature in the last half millennium. In the medieval period this scavenger of carcasses and offal was an abundant urban dweller and protected by royal statute for its refuse-disposal services. But in the mid-sixteenth century the kite was bracketed with other "knoy-

full Fowles and Vermyn" and a price placed on its head. A bounty of just a penny a beak was enough to initiate a steady decline and by the nineteenth century the campaign of persecution received further support from the development of the breech-loading gun and the Victorian preoccupation with the arts of the taxidermist. Year by year, the population was about five pairs in central Wales. Since then, however, the gradual growth of environmental concern has been paralleled by a recovery in kite fortunes. In 1989 this was given dramatic help when the old Nature Conservancy

Council and the RSPB started a release programme using Spanish and Swedish birds in England and Scotland respectively. This year the newly established colonies, numbering 100 pairs, have reached 195 offspring and kites have probably not been so numerous since the mid-nineteenth century. The bird I saw in Norfolk, which was originally tagged and released in the English Midlands, is a palpable and graceful symbol of this nationwide success. I'm looking forward to the day when they are so common that they pinch scraps off our lawn and breed again in London's Gray's Inn, as they did in the eighteenth century.

MARK COCKER

Birthdays

Curly Ambrose, cricketer, 35; Candy Atherton, Labour MP, 43; Charles Clarke, MP, 48; Leonard Cohen, poet, 64; Rhiannon Chapman, former director, the Industrial Society, 63; Shirley Conran, novelist and superwoman, 68; Liam Gallagher, pop singer, 26; Rose Garrard, sculptor and mixed media artist, 52; Sir John Hoddinott, chief constable, Hampshire, 54; Stephen King, novelist, 50; Sir Hugh Lloyd-Jones, Greek scholar, 78; Simon Mayo, broadcaster, 40; Bill Murray, actor, 48; Sarah Thane, director of programmes, ITV, 47; Prof Bernard Williams, philosopher, 68; Jimmy Young, broadcaster, 75.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Bath City FC Supporters' Take-over — Mr Keith Foster, an apology: On March 10, 1998, we published an article about Keith Foster and Bath City FC which wrongly stated that Mr Foster was chairman of the club in November, 1997, when it faced substantial financial problems. The article therefore suggested that Mr Foster was responsible for these problems. We accept that these suggestions are untrue, and that in fact Mr Foster proposed the solution to the club's financial problems by suggesting that the Supporters' Club should form a new board to run Bath City FC. We apologise to Mr Foster for any embar-

assment caused by our article.

ON PAGE 5, Guardian Education, September 15, we chose as children's book of the week, *Edna*, by Linda Aronson (Macmillan £3.99), for young people between 11 and 15. We spoiled it somewhat by calling the author (version a) Avonson, (version b) Avonson. Linda Aronson's book can be ordered from the Guardian Culture-shop, freephone 0500 600102.

IN THE Space supplement, published with some editions on September 18, we gave a wrong telephone number to call for tickets for the 100% Design 1998 event at Earls Court 2. The correct number

is 0171 381 2993. Profuse apologies to the person who took all the stray calls.

A GRAPHIC on page 12, September 18, gave the location of a near miss between two jets over Essex, as Brentford, instead of Brentwood.

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Death Notices

BRADY, Ann, (Court House), 800 Ann Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, died 15th September 1998, aged 82 years. Sadly missed by family and friends. Buried at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Funeral service at 11.30am, Sunday, September 20th, at the Ann Arbor, Michigan. Family flowers welcome. Donations for the American Cancer Society may be sent to: Cancer Research Fund, 117, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

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Camelot puts itself on trial

Lottery firm's social audit aims to counter critics, writes Roger Cowe

CAMELOT, the National Lottery operator, has decided to conduct a social audit in an effort to rescue its reputation before bidding for a new licence in 2001.

The exercise will aim to give an independent seal of approval to the way the lottery has been run, countering accusations that Camelot has made too much money, failed customers and charities, abused its monopoly position.

It follows Camelot's appointment in July of the campaigner Sue Slipman to the new post of director of social responsibility. Ms Slipman will be responsible for the audit after taking up her post until next month. She described it as "a challenging project".

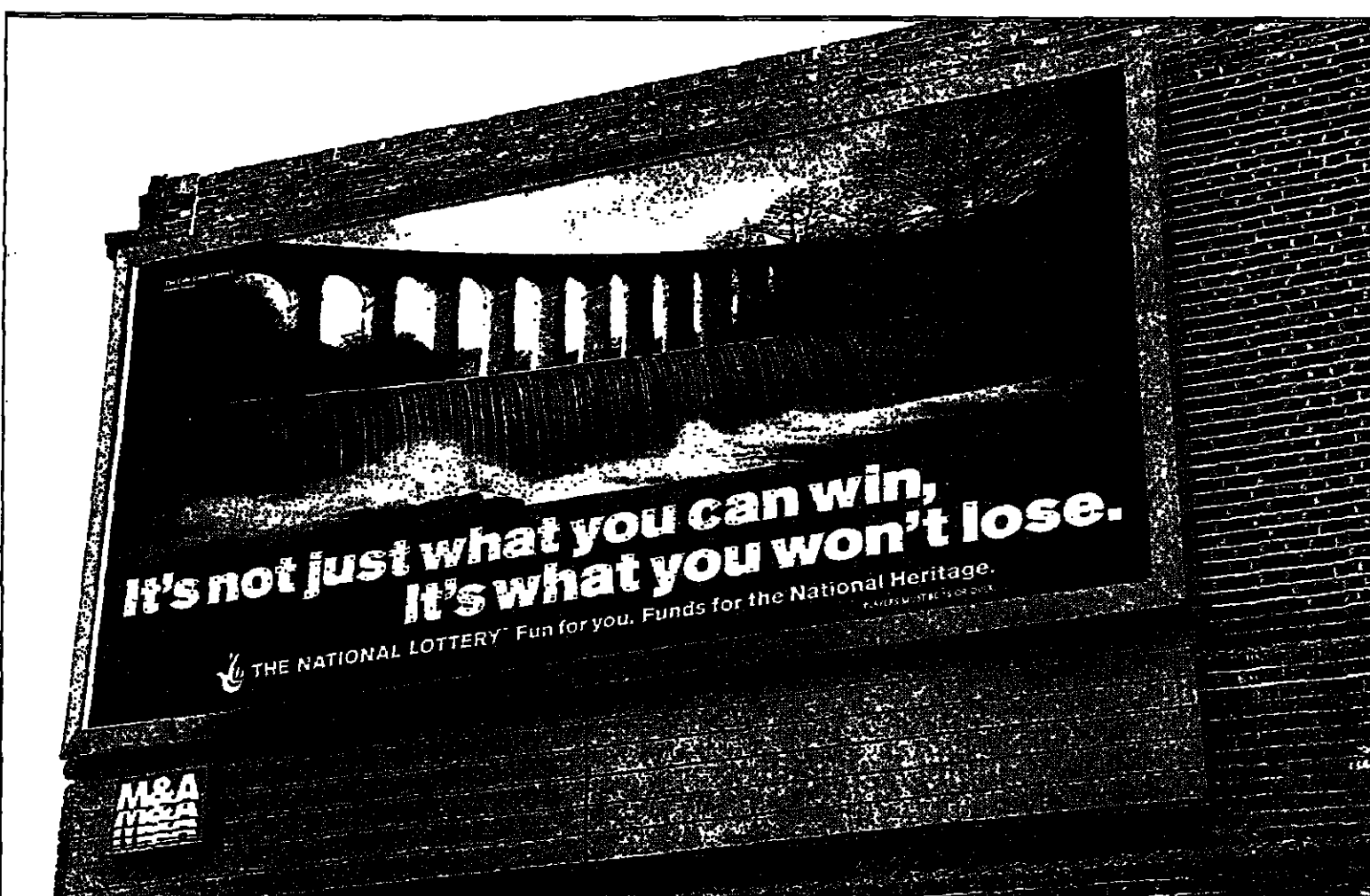
The £250,000 audit will report the views of six groups including staff, retailers and the general public, on how the lottery company is carrying out its responsibilities.

The decision to follow companies such as Body Shop and Shell in seeking external scrutiny of its social role was taken by the board in June.

Companies such as BP and BT, as well as some of the international accountancy firms, have focused social auditing as a means of justifying controversial actions and protecting reputations.

PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC), the international audit and consultancy firm, is preparing to launch a Reputation Assurance service which aims to help multinationals assess their social and environmental impact.

Glen Peters, the firm's director of futures, said that managing a company's reputation will be one of the greatest challenges of the next decade. He expects 1,000 companies in the US and Europe to embrace the notion



Losing out... Camelot's advertising message was obscured by rows about directors' bonuses and the involvement of GTech. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK MARTIN

of wider accountability over the next five years.

Six large companies have been testing the FWC system, which will be launched in January. They are using the approach to examine their responsibilities to five groups — shareholders, employees, customers, society in general, and "partners", including suppliers.

Mr Peters said big businesses were interested in such an exercise because of the need to back up promises such as "the customer is number one" and "employees are our most valuable asset". "Reputation is going to be a

business's most important asset," he said. "Businesses will need to adopt a systematic approach to protecting their reputations."

Camelot has adopted a social audit after facing a future over bonuses for directors and accusations of misconduct against its technical supplier, GTech.

The lottery operator has commissioned the New Economics Foundation (NEF) to manage the audit. The NEF pioneered the concept in Britain, initially with Traidcraft, the Third World crafts importer, then the cosmetics chain, Body Shop.

Adrian Henriques, head of social audit at the NEF, said: "Social auditing is becoming part of the mainstream. It is about determining what impact a company has on society and how society affects the company."

Richard Brown, director of government relations at Camelot, said it was crucial that an external agency such as the NEF was involved to counter accusations that this was merely a public relations exercise. "NEF will ensure that all stakeholder groups are involved in an ongoing dialogue which is externally verified."

Mr Brown said the decision to undertake the audit was not driven solely by the campaign to win a second licence term for the lottery. "It is responding to changing values of the 1990s," he said. "But it is also an important way of telling people there are plenty of things we can be proud of."

He suggested that the row over directors' bonuses might have been avoided if Camelot had been carrying out a social audit from the start, because the board would have understood how controversial the pay packages were.

Mr Brown dismissed worries about the link with

GTech, which was originally a partner in the lottery consortium but is now merely a supplier.

"If people have concerns about GTech, we would like to know about it."

One unusual feature of the Camelot audit will be the establishment of a permanent "stakeholder council" which will oversee the process but continue to monitor action on issues arising from it.

The audit will take about 18 months to complete and is not expected to be published until 2000, when applications for the new lottery licence will be submitted.

American and BA fly global network kite

Julia Finch

BITISH Airways and American Airlines, which are awaiting government clearance to set up a formal transatlantic alliance, will today announce plans to build a new global airline network.

The airlines are understood to have signed up nine other airlines worldwide and will market their alliance under the brand name Link.

The new network will allow passengers to travel between more than 300 cities around the world for just one ticket, and it will employ quarter of a million staff. Details of the new network will be unveiled in London today.

BA and AA, which together serve 500 destinations, have signed up Canadian Airlines, Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific and Qantas as their three other "core" members of Link. Canadian serves 140 destinations from its Vancouver base, Qantas — in which BA owns a 25 per cent stake — flies to 100 cities, and Cathay operates 50 vital Far East routes.

Last year the five airlines handled 160 million passengers and made a combined profit of £1.2 billion.

The other six airlines to join the Link network are Japan Airlines, Spain's Iberia, Finn Air, American West, Denmark's Maersk Air and GB Airways.

The deal has been thrashed out by BA's chief executive Bob Ayling and Don Carty, President of American Airlines. Yesterday British Airways refused to confirm details of the new alliance and described it as "speculation".

But a spokesman for Cathay confirmed its chief operating officer, Philip Chen, would be making "a major corporate announcement" in London today.

Link, which will be marketed as a worldwide travel brand, will be a direct competitor to the Star network set up 18 months ago by United Airlines and Lufthansa, which includes the Scandinavian SAS, Varig of Brazil and Thai Airways.

Star serves 600 destinations and employs 230,000. The rationale behind the new global airline networks is to prevent companies losing passengers — and profit — as customers change carriers to reach their final destination.

There are financial and political obstacles to airlines, especially national flag carriers, attempting traditional takeovers and mergers. But the airlines can have all the benefits of merger without any of the related problems by forming alliances.

The most powerful alliance will be that which can funnel the most passengers into its network and keep them in its system from the beginning of their journey to their final destination.

The planned BA-AA Link goes further than a simple alliance, and approval has been bogged down by regulators on both sides of the Atlantic for two years.

Trade Secretary Peter Mandelson will rule on the final details of the deal — how many crucial take-off and landing slots BA must surrender at Heathrow to get the go-ahead — within the next two months.

Aside from Star and Link, there are two other potential global networks. America's Northwest Airlines has a partnership with the Dutch KLM, and Atlanta-based Delta has a relationship with Belgium's Sabena, Swissair and Austrian Airlines.

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Chancellor's elixir formula is proving far more efficacious than many critics would have us believe

Hands off, he's doing magic



Larry Elliott

GORDON Brown likes to start his speeches with a joke, and one of his favourites before he was mothballed through overuse was the one where the newly appointed chancellor is handed three envelopes by his predecessor and told to open them only if things looked seriously bad.

The full majesty of the joke loses something on paper, but the punchline is that, after trying in vain the remedies in envelopes one and two, the custodian of the nation's finances opens number three. The message inside says: "Prepare three envelopes."

Some of the talk recently from trade unionists, City economists and business leaders has suggested that Brown ought to make sure his pen is full of ink. The economy, it is said, is collapsing and the Chancellor is to blame.

At such a time, remedies have been proposed to rectify this dire state of affairs. Fiscal policy should be tightened so that interest rates should be cut, the Bank of England's monetary policy remit should be rejected to take account of money inflation, the monetary policy committee should be purged of "pointy-headed" academics and replaced by people who know about the "real economy", the Government should say that it is joining a single currency so that the pound falls, and so on and on.

There are two points to be made here. One is that Britain is not actually in recession — as shown by last week's figures for unemployment and retail sales.

The second is that within the parameters it has laid out for itself the Government's handling of the economy has been remarkably adept.

Any criticism of Brown should concentrate on these self-imposed limits rather than the tactical decisions taken subsequently.

Yet most of those who believe that the economy is going to hell in a handcart approve of central bank independence, tight control of spending, low taxation and the liberalisation associated with globalisation.

The Chancellor makes no bones about his orthodox macroeconomic policies, nor that the sole aim of them is to give him the breathing space from the financial markets in order to bring about wide-ranging microeconomic changes aimed at boosting employment, productivity and opportunity.

There is, he insists, no contradiction between pleasing the City on one hand and helping the poor on the other. In fact, the first is necessary to achieve the second.

Given what has happened

to Labour governments in the past, Brown's approach has a compelling logic. You can have the best intentions in the world, but they count for nothing if the economy is lurching from crisis to crisis.

So far, so good. The problem as Brown's orthodox critics see it — is that, having put in place a sensible framework for economic policy, he has made a hash of it.

In fact, the opposite is true. If there is anything wrong with economic policy, it is that the assumptions underlying it are wrong, not that implementation is awry.

In particular, the assumption that control of inflation will lead to the discovery of a magic growth elixir for the economy is dubious when the world is closer to outright deflation than at any time since the 1930s.

The Chancellor was in Japan last week, where the people are experiencing falling prices but the economy is contracting at an alarming rate. Similarly, the Government is right to scoff at those who blame the closure of the Fujitsu plant in the North-east on the high pound. Fujitsu is closing because the world price of standard microchips has collapsed. Globalisation has encouraged massive over-production, and with supply exceeding demand the price has inevitably tumbled.

This, of course, does not mean that the Government is clear that its contents are more radical than anything the world economy are being brutally exposed.

Labour's misfortune has been to sign up for globalisation just as the problems of allowing multinational capital to call the shots in the world economy are being brutally exposed.

The Chancellor, speaking in Japan last week, said that what the world needed was not less globalisation but better globalisation. His speech

lower on that measure — 1.5 per cent instead of 2.5 per cent — and, second, because it would intensify speculation about early British entry into monetary union, thereby bringing down the value of the pound. The fact that there is no prospect, fortunately, of early entry into monetary union is irrelevant.

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ing estates, for example — Labour has been a lot more radical than it has generally been given credit for.

If, as looks likely, macroeconomic policy becomes more expansionary and interventionist as a result of the crisis of globalisation, all well and good. There is no need for the Chancellor open that third envelope just yet.

Behind simple national income identities are stable public institutions — civil servants who do their jobs reasonably honestly. Cheques that do not bounce and banks that do not join in capital flight illegally.

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in order. He did not even restore law and order. While the IMF and the EBRD economists were agonising about money supply targets and budget deficits, not once did they ask this basic question: Is there rule of law in Russia?

That is still the question which should have priority. Russia needs to restore its state apparatus because even the most free of markets presumes a law-abiding country where contracts are honoured — and some of these contracts are made by the state with its employees. To do that, Russia needs to catch up with the salary arrears due to all those who have been working honestly. Their back pay, worth less than before, should be paid in a lump sum, if only to restore faith in the state.

Of course, the G7 mafia will throw up its hands in horror, saying this will cause hyperinflation. Russia is suffering not from a glut of money, however, but a shortage. People in their millions are living on barter or credit. They need their cash if only to be able to resume normal exchange. Prices may rise as this happens, leading to a further erosion of purchasing power. But the large backlog of unused cash will boost the economy.

HYPERINFLATION is likely but not inevitable because after the first large cash dump, the state can get back to paying monthly salaries and hence there will be a natural deceleration in money supply growth. But even if hyperinflation does happen, it is not the worst prospect. Countries in Latin America and Russia itself have lived through hyperinflation and survived.

Starvation induced by mass unemployment is much worse. What led to Nazism in Germany was not the hyperinflation of 1923-24 but the mass unemployment of the 1930s. Forcing Russia into a domestic economy reconstruction by insisting that it balance its budget, or shore up the exchange rate of the rouble, so that the western banks can pay their shareholders and not suffer for their misjudgments as they deserve to, would be playing with much worse than fire.

So Russia must give the honest workers their back pay and if prices go up, so be it. They will still enjoy a bit of a windfall and boost the economy. Indeed, give them an additional supplement by way of the interest owed on their unpaid salaries. Why not? It is their economy and, if that economy does not feed people and keep them warm, what good is it that it can pay the bank chiefs back what they foolishly lent them?

After a couple of years, when law and order are restored and there is a flourishing domestic economy, Russia can resume its liberal course. It can benefit from such a move, but only after the health of its population has been restored. A healthy Russia is better for the world. Even the bankers may get some money back so that they can mis-invest elsewhere.

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Russia must put bread before theory

Debate

Meghnad Desai

AS THEY face the crunch, the Russians are not short of advice proffered by lenders in the West. Yet the International Monetary Fund, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the G7 have not been accurate in their predictions or effective in their prescriptions so far. Undaunted, they are ready with more advice for Russia.

The G7 believes the danger is that Russia may go protectionist, or even worse back to good old Leninist economics. So it is insisting that Russia continue on the path of liberalisation, not further debase its currency and go behind some fortress of tariffs.

Russia's problems, the G7 argues, stem from its inability to service foreign debt or maintain the value of the rouble.

But Russians also have a domestic economy that is malfunctioning and the G7 is showing no interest in that. The fact that millions of people have not been paid by the state or may face a very bleak winter is of no concern to the West. The fraud that Yeltsin has perpetrated on his own citizens has not been charged against him by Clinton, Kohl or Blair. They care only about their own money.

From Moscow, it looks different. The West may value Russia only for its negative virtue of possessing lethal nuclear arms, but the Russians have to worry about finding bread to eat.

Hence, the best thing that can happen to Russia is everything the IMF and the G7 do not want. It would also be the best thing for the world economy. This would be to grant Russia a holiday from liberalisation until it gets its domestic economy reconstructed. Like Japan or China, it could be allowed to concentrate on its own backyard for a while. When this is completed Russia can gradually re-enter the world economy.

Consider the facts. Russia was rushed headlong into liberalisation by economists who had no knowledge of the country's history or institutions. They hurriedly began fitting Russia into their macroeconomic models, urging credibility as the main concern of macro-policy.

WHAT they forgot was that Keynesian or even New Classical macroeconomics presumes a strong and functioning state. It presumes law and order. Fiscal tools depend upon a citizenry which pays its taxes.

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A left turn down the radical road

Lib Dem fiscal policy will cause shudders in Labour's ranks, argues JONATHAN CALDER

LIFE for third parties is seldom easy or fair. The Liberals spent the Alliance years telling anyone who would listen that they were radicals. But, opposed as they were by Margaret Thatcher and Michael Foot, for them to adopt any halfway sensible policy was bound to make them look like a centre party.

Today, as the Liberal Democrats meet in Brighton, their leader is warning them not to position themselves to the left of Labour. Given the drift of govern-

ment policy, it is hard to see how they can avoid it. Take the economics section of the new policy document *Moving Ahead* — it is about taxation and enough talk of stability to warm Gordon Brown's heart, but when it is debated tomorrow it will be clear that its contents are more radical than anything he has contemplated.

An increase in allowances to take those earning under £10,000 out of income tax altogether is proposed. Financed in part by

These qualms about taxation are met by shifting the burden away from income and on to undesirable activities such as pollution, and by attempting to make public services more accountable. An annual Citizen's Tax Contract will be published to detail service standards and wider use of performance-related pay is envisaged.

No Liberal will argue against openness and accountability, and the left in Britain has traditionally confused political radicalism with the defence of producer interests. But one does wonder about the human cost of this culture of permanent revolution in the public services.

The attempt to reinvent fiscal policy without relying upon income tax arises

In the context of Liberal Democrat support for British membership of economic and monetary union, EMU retains an almost religious significance for them but they now recognise that it will not mark the end of economics. Ten steps are proposed to stabilise the British economy in the run-up to union and to give the minimum contribution to pull afterwards.

Chief among them is a call for compulsory second pensions and for government to have the power to vary the minimum contribution. The hope is that increasing this will prove more acceptable to voters than increasing income tax. The idea is ingenious, but whether someone struggling to pay a mortgage on a reduced income, say, will take kindly to it remains to be seen. There is a note of Singaporean paternalism here which could prove unpopular.

THIS fiscal policy would operate under an independent central bank, something Liberal Democrats have long favoured. But bankers — once in charge of monetary policy tend to behave very like bankers. In a world where Eddie George refers to what we used to call falling unemployment as "an over-tight labour market", fiscal policy may always resemble running up a down escalator.

Moving Ahead went out to members for consulta-

tion over the summer and its economic ideas have been well received. The most significant conference amendment points to the negative impact of globalisation and seeks to ameliorate it via community economics.

Liberal Democrat councils are already showing great interest in these ideas. Eastleigh is sponsoring a credit union. South Somerset, which contains Paddy Ashdown's Yeovil constituency, is exploring ways of favouring local purchasing. And everyone, it seems, is interested in local trading schemes.

Liberals have always had a weakness for offbeat economics but this strategy of harnessing community activism is essentially pragmatic. It seems set to follow environmentalism into the mainstream of the party's economic thinking. If the party's instinctive internationalism finds expression in devising ways of nations co-operating to curb the excesses of the global market it will be richer still.

In the meantime, the party of Keynes is making an honourable attempt to reassert the role of fiscal policy in an unsympathetic world. The spectre that haunts it must be a return to the inter-war years when the Liberals had the ideas but it was a Labour Party crippled by economic orthodoxy that won the elections.

Jonathan Calder writes for Liberal Democrat News

Indicators

TODAY — IT: GDP (Q2).

TOMORROW — FR: Trade balance (Jul).

THURSDAY — UK: GDP (Q2).

UK: Balance of payments (Q2).

UK: CBI monthly trends survey (Sep).

US: GDP (Q2).

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US: Jobless claims (week ending 18 Sep).

FRIDAY — JP: Consumer price index.

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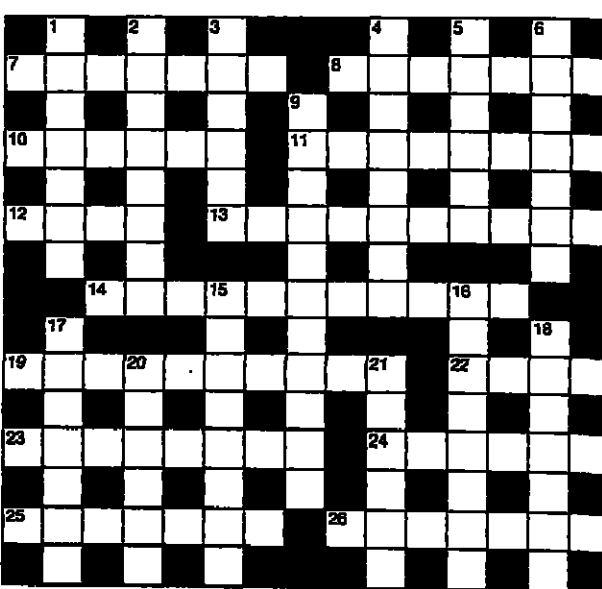
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Canada 2.50	India 71.16	New Zealand 3.22	Sweden 12.88
Cyprus 0.816	Ireland 1.098	Norway 12.27	Switzerland 2.267
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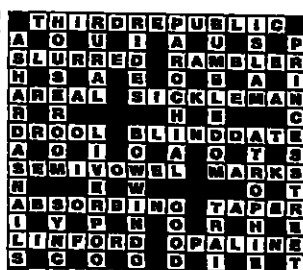
Across

- 7 No way to address a lady (4,3)
- 8 A zealot — in fact, a loony (7)
- 10 Useful preparation for a good upbringing (5)
- 11 Period of maritime decline (6)
- 12 An element of jazz in classical music (4)
- 13 Late? Punctual? Or very punctual? (4,2,4)
- 14 Slam the coin frantically into it (4,7)
- 15 Justifies being a few points out (10)
- 22 Staple food? (4)
- 23 Raised voice in row on river (8)
- 24 Fear of a mischievous child? (6)
- 25 Lured, sailors say, to these islands? (7)

- 26 Hint about one shortcoming in the cooking (7)

Down

- 1 She hasn't a leg to stand on (7)
- 2 Censorious to a dangerous degree? (8)
- 3 Started with pain (6)
- 4 Top dressing on Egyptian soil? (8)
- 5 Trap is set for a criminal (6)
- 6 Raising one's hat to a girl presents a problem (7)
- 9 Not an offence, but consult a solicitor about it (5,6)
- 15 Understood vessel could be reserved (8)
- 16 Avoidance of supposedly unhealthy habits (8)
- 17 They may well ruin a sea trip (7)
- 18 Bill given by a retailer? (7)



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Butt sent off for second time in four days



Aerial supremacy... Arsenal's captain Tony Adams outjumps Jaap Stam to head the first goal past a flailing Peter Schmeichel at Highbury yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Premiership: Arsenal 3 Manchester United 0

Arsenal enforce the new order

David Lacey at Highbury sees the champions repeat their Charity Shield drubbing of an out-of-sorts Manchester United

ARSENAL made it abundantly clear to Manchester United yesterday that the title is not merely on loan to Highbury until Old Trafford wants it back. Showing signs of the form which brought the club a second Double last season, Arsène Wenger's team brushed past a listless, shapeless United side to repeat their 3-0 victory of the FA Charity Shield.

The absence of Emmanuel Petit, out after suffering an ankle injury during last Wednesday's Champions League game in Lens, simply confirmed the class of Patrick Vieira who virtually ran the match from start to finish.

The speed of another Frenchman, Nicolas Anelka, seriously exposed the slowness on the turn of Jaap Stam. But while Anelka scored Arsenal's second goal on the stroke of half-time, Tony Adams having given them an early lead, it was largely his profligacy combined with some excellent saves from Peter Schmeichel, which spared United an even heavier defeat.

To add to Alex Ferguson's

discomfort, Nicky Butt was sent off for the second time in successive matches. Four days earlier Butt had been shown a red card at Old Trafford after handling a goal-bound Barcelona shot in front of the United net, now he was dismissed by Graham Barber for bringing down Vieira on the edge of the penalty area.

Match stats		
	Arsenal	Man Utd
Possession	55%	45%
Attempts on target	7	4
Attempts off target	9	4
Corners	3	2
Fouls	15	13
Offsides	5	4
Bookings	2	1
Sendings-off	0	1

seven minutes into the second half. The referee decided that this was serious foul play which denied the Arsenal man a scoring opportunity. However, the fact that Stam had been in a position to make an interception had Vieira stayed on his feet made the decision a harsh one.

Even the Arsenal manager said he would not have argued had Butt merely received a caution. "According to the referee," said Ferguson, "it was a tackle from behind and Butt was the last man back. He was wrong on both counts."

Not that the United manager was prepared to blame the refereeing for his team's defeat. "The sending-off does not alter the fact that Arsenal were the better team," he admitted. "We were second best. There are some days when I can't find any excuses."

Certainly Manchester United seemed collectively out of sorts. Yet a team selection which had Butt and Roy Keane, two workhorses in central midfield, and Ryan Giggs partnering Dwight Yorke up front could have been designed to emphasise two of Arsenal's most enduring strengths.

Presumably the idea was that the speed of Giggs would test Adams while Yorke's ability to turn with the ball in tight situations would worry Martin Keown. All too often, however, the service to Yorke was aimed at his head when a

player of this type needs passes to feet. As a result the Arsenal centre-backs were scarcely tested.

Surprisingly, Ferguson did not bring on substitutes to improve the balance of his side. Ole Gunnar Solskjær, whose early partnership with Yorke had shown promise, stayed on the bench, along with Paul Scholes who admittedly has looked jaded after the World Cup. Teddy Sheringham, whose goals had wiped out Arsenal's 2-0 lead in last season's match before David Platt headed their winner, was not even among the substitutes.

Instead Ferguson left Jesper Blomqvist, the Swedish left-winger for whom United paid Parma £4.5 million, on for the duration. Yet only in the latter stages of the game, when Arsenal were starting to play out time, did Blomqvist make any sort of impression on the match.

This is a bad time for Manchester United's form to dip. Held to 3-3 by Barcelona after leading 2-0 they will resume their Champions League campaign against Bayern Munich in Bavaria on Wednesday week. Before that, however, there is the small matter of Liverpool's visit to Old Trafford this Thursday.

From the outset the brisk-

ness of Arsenal's passing and tackling looked like bringing them their fourth successive win against United. Dennis Bergkamp's form might be fitful just now but he still produced the touches to open up

space in the opposing defence. The opening goal arrived in the 14th minute after Blomqvist had fouled Lee Dixon on the right. Stephen Hughes's well-flighted free-kick found Adams leaving Keane and ris-

ing above Stam to head past Schmeichel, who for once had been slow coming off his goal-line.

Just past the half-hour David Beckham gathered a pass from Yorke and from 30 yards drove a shot against the inside of David Seaman's left-hand post, leaving the Arsenal goalkeeper grateful to see the ball ricochet across the goalmouth to safety.

Had United kept the score to 1-0 at half-time they might have been able to salvage something from the game. But in the 45th minute Marc Overmars's through lob found Anelka spinning away from Stam to score at the second attempt, Schmeichel having saved his initial shot feet-first.

Butt's departure ended the game as a contest and when Anelka, this time put through by Bergkamp, shot wide that seemed to be that. Then Wenger brought on his latest signing, Fredrik Ljungberg, and within five minutes of coming off the bench the young Swede, set up by Overmars and Ray Parlour, had looped Arsenal's third goal high past Schmeichel.

Thus Charity Shield sunshine had brought a Charity Shield result. Manchester United must be impatient for the clocks to go back.

Anelka erases ghosts of Lens past

Vivek Chaudhary sees the Frenchman break his goal duck

"JUST boom! Like an assassin," said Emmanuel Petit instructively to his countryman Nicolas Anelka before the match, seeking to remedy his team-mate's recent lack of clinical finishing.

It proved sound advice for a man who has come under the spotlight recently for the goals he has missed rather than scored. Anelka's response on half-time led to a huge cheer of relief around Highbury where the faithful had grown concerned about the form of their strikers.

Few doubt the talent of Anelka and Dennis Bergkamp, nor their commitment and ability to turn defensive inside out. But there is also the small matter of putting the ball into the back of the net. Neither had scored until yesterday with the team managing to get off the mark in only three of their five Premier-league matches.

The Gunners paid a dear price last Wednesday in Lens for Anelka's poor finishing and all eyes were on the young Frenchman, handed the difficult task of filling Ian Wright's boots. As popular as he is with the fans, Anelka still has to convince them that he possesses a comparable finish.

However, with Bergkamp having his best performance this season, Arsène Wenger was relieved to announce afterwards: "We had our offensive power back."

Arsenal and Manchester United have in recent years become like two siblings who cannot stand the sight of each other, spending the entire time squabbling over who is going to get the family silver.

Arsenal's supporters wasted little time in notifying their friends from the north as to the identity of the current champions. Following yesterday's performance, it looks as if United are going to have their work cut out if they want to take the trophy back up the M1.

And yet... As Arsenal were cheered off the field, Anelka was already in the dressing room having been substituted 15 minutes from time. During a pulsating game he missed four clear-cut chances, poor showing for a striker surrounded by such creative talent.

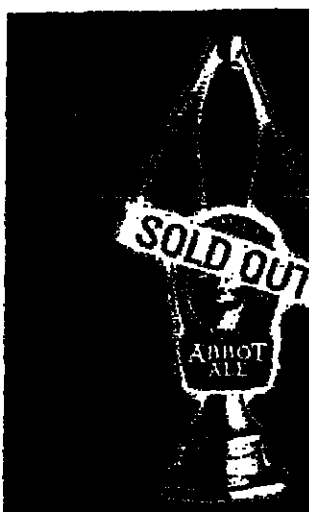
THE Old Trafford legend Sir Bobby Charlton has come out in support of the takeover of Manchester United by BSkyB, believing it represents progress. "It does not matter who the chairman is or who owns the club," he said yesterday. "All the supporters are bothered about is the team and if they are good enough to be proud of. Manchester United has such a vast tradition and who owns the club is not the be all and end all."

The key clashes

	Adams	Stam
Minutes on pitch	90	90
Goals	1	0
Goal attempts	1	0
Passes attempted	10	7
Success rate	100%	29%
Tackles attempted	2	6
Success rate	50%	100%


	Overmars	Beckham
Minutes on pitch	60	60
Goals	0	0
Goal attempts on target	1	0
Goal attempts off target	0	2
Passes attempted	15	20
Success rate	80%	85%

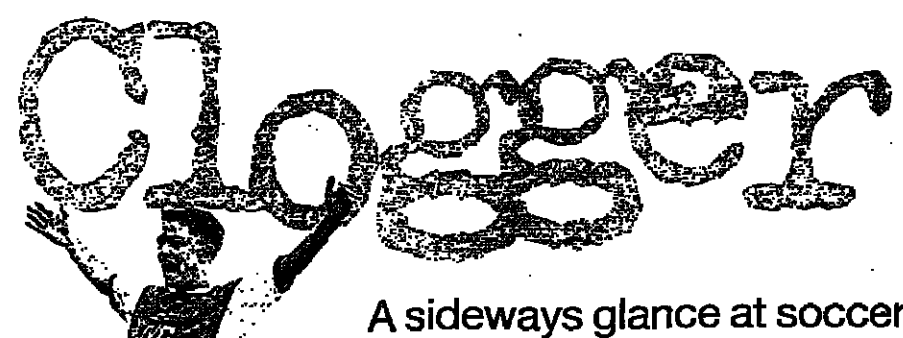
	Bergkamp	Yorke
Minutes on pitch	90	90
Goals	0	0
Goal attempts on target	1	0
Goal attempts off target	4	0
Passes attempted	23	15
Success rate	55%	53%



Exodus

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A sideways glance at soccer

Their kit don't fit

No. 46 Stephen Hughes

It was a long time in coming, but Arsenal finally managed to get one at Leicester last week. A pair of shorts large enough to hold the youthful exuberance of their exciting strikers, that is.



Collymore missed. Laudrup used. Hooljens aimed. Davies unfazed

The Nervous Non-Scoring XI They haven't got a league goal this season

Dennis Bergkamp	Saving up a corker for his opener, no doubt
Pierluigi Casiraghi	Never been your classic poacher, has he?
Kevin Davies	Completely unfazed by £7.25m fee, honest
Stan Collymore	Via have really missed his prolific scoring
David Givens	Not scoring and non-trying save manager
Brian Laudrup	Might do better if he was used on the pitch
Andy Cole	Just needs a good run in the side to get going
Chris Sutton	SAS days now slumping into SAG and SAD
Pierre van Hooijdonk	Only shots aimed all the way from Holland
Mark Hughes	No goals yet, but he has got four bookings

A life in pictures

Dean Saunders' tongue



Ask the experts

Which player had the most extreme political views?

I have always been led to believe that one of the reasons Jackie Macgregor (father of the current player) was sold by Celtic was his avowed Marxism. He reportedly said that the East End of Glasgow would benefit much more from a dose of Marx than it ever would from the

Pope. Similar reasons were held up for Celtic's willingness to sell Brian McClair (left) and Pat Nevin. *Alastair Smith, Glasgow*

"No, capital punishment." *Rob Burns, Leamington Spa*

On the right wing, Tommy Docherty would take some beating. Asked what he would do about football hooliganism, he replied: "Capital punishment". *Interviewer: "You mean, of course, corporal punishment?" Docherty:*

Each week we print answers to a selected question. This week: Who was the first to perpetrate a trademark or choreographed goal celebration? *Alan Donkin, Southampton*

State of the nation

South Africa

Population 32 million. *Unlikely Cup winners* Moroka Swallows (1989, 1991) of Johannesburg, who started life in 1947 with the unpromising name of Corrugated FC. Pioneer Charlton had several South Africans on their books in the Fifties, including Stuart Leary and Eddie Firmani. A third, John Hewie, played in every shirt number for Charlton, and went in goal for the injured Mike Rose when Keith Peacock became the first ever substitute in English football in 1965. He was also the first "British" player to miss a penalty in the World Cup finals, playing for Scotland against France in 1968. *Stranger in a strange land* Sean Dundee, once tipped as South Africa's hot young striker, was fast-tracked to Germany nationality while at Karlsruhe, but failed to make the breakthrough. He was reported to be leaving Liverpool this season without playing in the first team. *Important import* Albert Maréchal, one of the first black players in the English league, starred all too briefly for Leeds in the 1965 FA Cup final. He descended into alcoholism and died in obscurity in 1985. *Forgotten man* Bill Perry scored the last-minute winner for Blackpool against Bolton in the 1953 FA Cup final, but is usually

A-Z of British football

F

... is for Forehead. A large one is the distinguishing characteristic of the bustling, old-style, British centre-forward. Classic example: "The introduction of Hysen helped Liverpool cope with Wimbledon's aerial assaults directed at the ample FOREHEAD of Alan Cork."

overlooked as the hero of the match in favour of Stanley Matthews and Stan Mortensen, who scored a hat-trick. *National converts* Players with a South African background who represented England during the apartheid years included Ipswich's Colin Viljoen (left, two caps), Gary Bailey (two) and Brian Stein (one). *Contribution to world football* South Africa were the first country to travel to a different continent for an international, losing 1-0 to Argentina in Buenos Aires in 1906. *Boleton utility man* who would be the first name on the team-sheet for an International Seafood XI Mark Fish.

Refwatch

Neale Barry

Home town Scunthorpe. *Home town's other claims to fame* Steel, risqué schoolboy jokes. *Occupation* Planner with British Steel. *Trademark gesture* Kung-fu flailing of the arms after awarding free-kicks, the meaning of which was lost on everyone. *Saturday's highlight* Scampering off for his half-time cup of tea, blowing his whistle as he went while the players were poised for a restart. Clearly inspired by the trumpet which sounds whenever the Dons win a corner. *Brandsnatch cards in the summer* ... Someone at one with the Sheffield Wednesday manager Danny Wilson, who branded his players "Fancy dancs" in midweek. Barry failed to caution anyone.

The gaffer tapes

"Even Maradona could not turn it around straight away." *CP's Ray Marford* shows his shrewd eye for a player in a crisis.

"They are not as good as the big boys." *George Graham's blunt assessment* of the league leaders Aston Villa.

"It's like dreaming a pop star wants to marry me." *Dave Bassett's logical explanation* for not wanting to think — or talk — about what Pierre van Hooijdonk will do next.

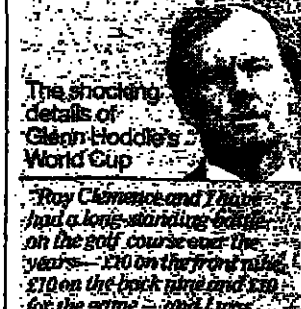
Off the park life

Clogger



Come in a taxi, he must have come in a taxi ... But why did it cost Andy Gray £75 in 1977? Post, fax or e-mail your answer to the address below to win your choice of this month's new video from the Football Book Club (0171-551 1006 for a catalogue). Please include a phone number. Last week's answer Jürgen Klinsmann, was announcing his departure to Bayern Munich in 1996. Winner Mike Hodgkins of Manchester

The shocking details of



Ray Cliverson and I have had a long-standing feud on the golf course ever since the 1970s. I was the first to hit the ball for the game — and I was about four inches away from the hole when Ray hit his. I was the first to hit the ball for the game — and I was about four inches away from the hole when Ray hit his. I was the first to hit the ball for the game — and I was about four inches away from the hole when Ray hit his.

Football

Premiership: Liverpool 3 Charlton Athletic 3

Babb's face is the reddest

Ian Ross

THERE comes a point in every season when a manager — or in Liverpool's case, managers — must dispense with any semblance of bravado and honestly address the decisions which they take on behalf of others.

As the Liverpool team slunk away to the sanctuary of the dressing-room, Roy Evans turned and glared in the direction of Gérard Houllier: two men, one problem. The eye contact was brief but it was probably long enough. When those in whom one has placed trust have betrayed one with such disgraceful relish, words can prove a useless tool.

Match stats

	Liv	Cha
Possession	58%	42%
Attempts on target	9	5
Attempts off target	8	12
Corners	5	2
Fouls	13	11
Offsides	1	1
Bookings	1	3
Sendings-off	0	0

Afterwards the Charlton manager Alan Curbishley pleaded for respect for his side's contribution to a game which held excitement but contained too many errors. "Don't say Liverpool played badly, give us some credit," he asked with the knowing smile of a man who knew he was waging his last fight.

The point to be debated was not Charlton's fearless performance but Liverpool's ineptitude. It was a display so utterly hopeless as to cast a dark shadow over the idea that Liverpool might win the Premiership this season.

What comfort there was for Evans and Houllier was of the small-crumb variety. Robbie Fowler returned after an absence of seven months and scored twice despite a lack of general fitness. Michael Owen proved that the penalty he won against Argentina in the World Cup was but one of many he will get from glib referees, and Patrick Bergner's new-found discipline was worthy of the highest praise. Apart from an undeserved point, that was it.

Liverpool will score dozens



Useful return ... Robbie Fowler wheels away from Charlton's Sasa Ilic after putting Liverpool 3-2 in front

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of goals between now and May but it will be the number they sloppily concede that will shape their fate.

They were queuing up to contest the award for the least accomplished contributor but, despite the impressive claims of Steve Staunton — looks like Stan Laurel and plays like him too — and Steve Harkness — doesn't look like Graeme Souness but believes he can play like him — the runaway winner was Phil Babb, who was so wretched he was jeered as he made his way down the tunnel — the first thing he had found all day.

Babb was at the heart of all Charlton's best moments, constantly conceding possession while displaying the positional awareness of a blindfolded man in a hurricane.

As Curbishley pointed out, had his team taken all the chances gift-wrapped and lovingly presented by Babb and the buffoons to his left and right, Charlton would have won easily.

But, ridiculously, they would have lost to Fowler's fortuitously scrambled

second goal with eight minutes remaining had Babb not presented Steve Jones with an equaliser 90 seconds later.

After missing three very presentable openings, Charlton finally poked a hole in Liverpool's tissue-paper defence after 24 minutes, when Richard Rufus climbed well to head home a John Robinson free-kick.

Fowler hauled his side level from the spot after Owen had tumbled — and twirled and tripped — over Rufus's leg but the problem was in those moments of panic when the

whole concept of Liverpool as a proficient unit began to fray at the edges. The senior professionals in their ranks could not summon up the guile to take responsibility and lead the less mature towards higher ground.

Clive Mendonca and Berger, the former precise, the latter spectacular, scored before both defences disintegrated to ensure a gripping finale. "We were not at our best today," said Houllier as if to proclaim that he has now mastered the very English art of totally understating matters.

Southampton 1 Tottenham Hotspur 1

Spurs frantic for order

Martin Thorpe

TOTTENHAM's football is limping along on such a hopeless course that the club's long-suffering supporters may soon be ready to accept anyone as the new manager, even the old enemy George Graham.

Shortly before Saturday's draw against Southampton, the Leeds chairman Peter Risdale confirmed that he had been approached by Tottenham for permission to offer their managerial vacancy to the former Arsenal bungler. "It was rejected immediately," added Risdale, "and, as far as we're concerned, the matter is closed."

Spurs will feel differently whether to make a second attempt to lure Graham south. The Scot reportedly wants to return to London and on Saturday refused to say he would never leave Leeds.

But, if the Scot does move, he will need to replace the cobwebs in the Spurs trophy room with silverware pretty sharpish. For that is the only way the man who won two Championships at Highbury could ever persuade the White Hart Lane faithful even to think about singing his name in flattering terms.

Certainly someone needs to get a hold of Spurs and inject organisation and self-belief, and Alan Sugar is banking on Graham using success to win over his critics.

At the moment the defence

has more leaks than meetings of the FA International Committee and Premier League put together. In particular, Ramon Vega's awareness of opponent and ball continues to resemble that of a man wearing a blindfold.

On Saturday Nicola Bertl was again impersonating an over-paid, has-been Italian in midfield, while David Ginola interspersed bursts of brilliance with bursts of petulance aimed at any team-mate who passed to him badly or failed to pass to him at all.

Tottenham's biggest failing, though, was their collective inability to beat the Premier League's bottom, and prior to Saturday, pointless team at a center. In the first half, especially, Southampton lacked not only confidence and cohesion but any sense that the game of football involves passing to team-mates.

It says much for the sad state of the Tottenham team

that David Jones's rag-bag

army could have won the game themselves, especially when Mark Hughes dropped back and brought some sense and sanity to a flustered midfield.

In the end Spurs had to thank their 36-year-old goalkeeper coach Hans Segers for their point. The Dutchman stood in at the last minute because of illness to Exen Baarsden and injury to Ian Walker and, despite playing his last Premiership game 2½ years ago, after which he was finally cleared of match-fixing, produced a series of high-class saves.

Southampton had already missed two slivers in the opening minutes before Spurs took control and went ahead when Ruel Fox turned sweetly to fire past Paul Jones. Ginola, Bertl, Colin Caldwell and Sol Campbell all spurned chances to extend the lead.

But Southampton came back and, on 64 minutes, notched the equaliser. Hughes's hopeful through-ball found Vega looking vaguer and vaguer as Matthew Le Tissier, ineffectual until then, brilliantly turned the Swiss and blasted home from inside the area.

Le Tissier was denied a second as Segers saved by his near post and he then produced a crucial block with his knees to deny Kevin Gibbens.

As Spurs caretaker manager David Platt mischievously summed up: "Hans got us out of jail."



Le Tissier ... point-saver

Hoddle's future a matter of belief

Glen Hoddle's

England future depends more than ever now on other people's faith. *writes Martin Thorpe*

The FA's international committee will agree an extension to the national coach's contract only if England take six points from their two European Championship qualifiers next month and there is a reduction in, if not total elimination of, the faith-healer Eileen Drewery's participation in squad affairs.

Over the weekend Hoddle revealed for the first time that the latter request could lead to friction. "It would become an issue if the FA tried to prevent me using Eileen," he said.

But the FA's chief executive Graham Kelly revealed there were concerns about the image created by Drewery's role: "I would say three-quarters of the international committee think it is a problem. It is a stumbling block that has to be addressed."

Whether the six-man subcommittee assigned to the job can work out a compromise with Hoddle remains to be seen. Whether England can take their first qualifying points for Euro 2000 is also an open question.

The recent defeat by Sweden meant that England have lost three of their last four internationals,

and only wins over Bulgaria and Luxembourg

would persuade enough members of the international committee that Hoddle deserves having his contract extended to the 2002 World Cup.

Media Partners denied yesterday that the Formula One chief Bernie Ecclestone has any connection with their efforts to launch a European Super League.

The Italian marketing firm issued a statement insisting: "Media Partners alone are financing the European Football League project. The company is owned by its partners. The only outside interest is from Electra Fleming. No other parties have financed either Media Partners or the European Football League project."

But Ecclestone, whose digital TV business makes him ideally placed to offer a wide menu of pay-per-view matches, has confirmed his independent desire to back a Super League.

"My interest is getting this whole thing off the ground," he said. "I am involved but only a little bit at the moment. I do not know what my involvement will be in the future."

"I think a Super League is a great idea. I don't know much about football — at least not as much as I know about motor racing — but I think this is necessary and I do think it would work."

Derby County 2 Leicester City 0

Determined Derby soar with Schnoor

Mark Tallentire

IT IS an odd state of affairs when a team that is still undefeated in mid-September appeals to the fans not to boo if things fail to go to plan, but these are unusual times for Derby County who, by virtue of this win, moved up, improbably, to second place.

Jim Smith was referring to the Lewis at half-time in Derby's 1-1 midweek draw with Manchester City but, if he knew how easily his team were going to take the three points on Saturday, he might

have saved himself the trouble.

"Playing Leicester you've got to be really strong, physically and mentally. In those circumstances I thought we were outstanding," said Smith later, before adding that he left the Italians Stefano Brando and Francesco Baiano on the bench as he did not consider this East Midlands conflict to be the time or place to try to regain form.

The decision was justified as his side gave a strong-turning performance to take a stranglehold against a strangely subdued Leicester. The reward is Derby's best league placing

since the mid-Seventies.

Though Emile Heskey and Tony Cottee were given short shrift throughout by a home defence in which the former Leicester player Spencer Prior was outstanding, the match could have taken a different course if the referee Graham Poll had not waved play on after Stefan Schnoor goaded Robbie Savage in the area in the 11th minute. "I don't know what the linesman was doing," said Leicester's manager Martin O'Neill with some justification.

Leicester began to shape up only when Garry Parker came on after 55 minutes to

spread the play and O'Neill

conceded his team looked short of firepower.

Derby, with Lars Bohinen at the centre of most things, were good value and, after Jacob Laursen's free-kick was deflected against the bar, they took the lead through Schnoor before half-time.

The midfielder, a free transfer from Hamburg in the summer, began the move in his own half and followed up to score from the edge of the area after good work from Dean Sturridge, who regained his feet and played the German in after a challenge by Frank Sinclair had the crowd

screaming for a penalty.

Six minutes into the second half opportunistic finishing by Paulo Wanchope put the game away. Again it involved Schnoor, whose cross found Rory Delap, who fired a low ball back into the middle for the striker to turn in.

Smith, who takes his team to Aston Villa on Saturday, when Derby could go top, said the objective is to qualify for Europe. "It would be a funny old game if we won the league, although dreams happen. But it's daft talking about second spot, it's a step nearer the 40-point mark; that's what's important."

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Leeds United 0 Aston Villa 0

All locked up without the hint of a key

David Lacey

AFTER Aston Villa, the early Premier League leaders, and Leeds United, the team lying third, had shared a goalless draw at Elland Road on Saturday which was about as entertaining as the mating ritual of giant turtles the idea that either might win the championship did not bear thinking about.

In fact George Graham, the Leeds manager, practically dismissed the notion out of hand. "Both of us could finish in the top six," he said. "But probably no better than that."

"We're not a championship team yet and I don't think Villa are either. Maybe we need two or three more quality players but where do you buy them? It's very difficult to sign players in the first month of the season, unless Newcastle have a clear-out."

Football managers can be great kidders but on this occasion Graham, who in an ear-

sensively since 1920. At the same time the fans will trust that Saturday's third scoreless draw in six league matches does not portend a return to the barren period which followed Graham's arrival two years ago, when Leeds failed to find the net in 19 matches out of 33.

The likelihood is that the opportunism of Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, supported by teamwork and Lee Bowyer's perceptive touches, will again enable Leeds to punish the sort of flabby defending which saw them beat Derby County 5-0 at Pride Park in March. But on Saturday Harry Kewell, the Australian winger who had plagued opposing full-backs last season, looked heavily-legged and off form while Clyde Wijnhard, the Dutch replacement for Wallace, was not used at all.

Thus Leeds battered away fruitlessly at Aston Villa's unyielding defence, lacking the width to outflank it and the nous to outwit it. They came no closer to scoring than on the stroke of half-time when Ian Harte drove the ball past Mark Bosnich only to see it rebound from the far post, whereupon Bowyer dived full length to head the rebound against the crossbar.

John Gregory, the Villa manager, seemed surprised to learn that his team would not win the title this season. Given Gregory's record since he took over from Brian Little at the end of February one could hardly blame him. Under his management Villa have won 13 Premiership matches out of 17, drawn two and lost two. That is championship-winning form.

Watching Villa on Saturday, however, it was clear that Graham had a point. The signing of Paul Merson will go some way towards offsetting the loss of Dwight Yorke but he lacks the latter's ability to drag defences apart.

Neither Merson nor Julian Joachim could produce anything to disturb the authority of the excellent Lucas Radebe at the heart of the Leeds defence, although there were moments when the carelessness of others might have given away simple goals.

Villa's best chance of winning the game came in the 87th minute when Robert Molenaar's attempt at trapping a long lob from Gareth Southgate on his chest saw the ball bounce loose to Joachim, who surged past the Dutch defender but shot wide with only Martyn to beat.

Graham grumbled about Villa's time-wasting and felt the referee Jeff Winter could have added another 10 minutes. Winter could have added 10 days and it would still have been goalless.

The one redeeming feature was further evidence of the potential of Gareth Barry, the 17-year-old who has replaced Steve Staunton in Villa's back three. Barry's cool control in defence offered a sharp contrast to the perishing inadequacies of both attacks.

"If he wants to bring the ball down in our penalty box I won't knock it out of him," said Gregory. "I'll encourage it." Maybe there is hope for English football after all.

Nottingham Forest 0 West Ham United 0

Bassett and Redknapp run through the missing list

John Lawson

WHATEVER the result, Dave Bassett always ends up talking about his least favourite subject. Pierre van Hooijdonk, the missing Dutchman, continues to capture most of the limelight even though it is almost five months since he was kicked a ball in anger for the Nottingham Forest manager.

But when it came down to the after-match analysis of a game that was something of a frenzied statement, missing personalities who might have made a difference warranted more than a passing mention.

West Ham's manager Harry Redknapp pointed to the likes of John Harrison, John Moncur, Neil Ruddock and half a dozen others, including Ian Dicks, who were unavailable to him.

Bassett himself is striving manfully to stabilise his team in the Premiership without the extra bit of class that the injured trio of Chris Bart-Williams, Ian Woan and Scot Gemmill can provide. And then, of course, there is Van Hooijdonk. "I don't want to talk about him, really," said Bassett but, when primed, he was as forthcoming as ever.

"No one at this club has had any contact with him since early August. Now he has told the local paper he is sorry and might want to come back but

he has not told me that. He is an employee of this club and as such we will always listen to what he has to say."

Bassett also revealed that, apart from "a bit of interest from Spain that has gone quiet" and an approach from Fenerbahce in Turkey, there had been no positive move for the £5 million-rated striker.

"I am sure he will never do anything like this again," he added. "I feel certain he is sitting in Holland now regretting his actions and coming back. He is a very talented player and one who would be an asset to a lot of clubs."

Despite the tentative hint of reconciliation, it appears the club will not be Forest. Dressing-room resentment has built too great.

So, while Van Hooijdonk continued to lick his wounded pride on the other side of the North Sea, Forest just got the better of Redknapp's patched-up side without finding the necessary penetration.

Dougie Freedman, a £300,000 lightweight of a striker among today's million-pound commodities, had the best opportunity after coming off the bench. But, although he scooped the ball over Shaka Hislop, it went wide.

West Ham's best offering inevitably came from Ian Wright but Dave Beasant moved his 38-year-old frame to excellent effect and tipped the ball over.



Hitting the spot... Alan Shearer scores the first of his two goals for Newcastle as Coventry's Marc Edworthy fails to stifle his shot

Coventry City 1 Newcastle United 5

Shearer adds to the intrigue

Peter White

GORDON STRACHAN may have sensed this was not going to be his day when a power failure at home ruined his early-morning plans. A few hours later his Coventry players proved a real turn-off as Rudi Gullit's call for "sexy football" took on a new dimension.

Coventry were stripped bare and cruelly exposed, with Alan Shearer underlining the fact that, while he remains a Newcastle player, nobody will be able to ques-

tion his commitment and enthusiasm. The England captain is still not sure what the future holds but, if he is allowed to leave St James' Park as part of the manager Gullit's proposed redevelopment, then the queue for his signature is likely to stretch the length of the Tynes.

Shearer base his uncertainty on whether Newcastle can satisfy his ambitions. He points out that, although the club have finished runners-up in the Premiership and the FA Cup during his two seasons at St James' Park, people remember only winners.

"All I have to show for 10 years as a footballer is a championship medal I won at Blackburn. I treasure it but it is not enough. In football nothing means as much as your team being No. 1 and that is what I want Newcastle to be."

If the past week can be used as a yardstick, then the omens are good: three wins and 11 goals, five of them to Shearer. But Gullit refuses to be side-tracked by the hype surrounding the striker.

He declared: "Alan played well but it is not about just one man. I was more pleased with my defenders than my strikers against Coventry, be-

cause we have been sloppy in that department in the past. On this occasion they were very disciplined."

Strachan must be yearning for such discipline. His season of hope is fast becoming one of

despair, and it will continue to do so until his defenders adopt a more authoritative and professional approach.

Jean-Guy Wallemme was the chief offender, presenting Newcastle with three of their goals. He did not watch his country's World Cup victory in the summer as a protest against the France manager Aimé Jacquet's decision not to select anybody from the champions Lens, the central defender's former club.

If he refused to watch television on that occasion, then Saturday evening's Match of the Day would have definitely been off limits. Yet it

all began so rosy for the Sky Blues as Noel Whelan - fit again after suffering head and chest injuries in a fracas at a party - headed them in front after only four minutes. That was to be the hosts' only moment of satisfaction, however, on an otherwise miserable afternoon.

Nikos Dabizas equalised, then Shearer. Gary Speed, Stephen Glass and Shearer again left Magnus Hedman in a state of shock with their finely executed goals. The beamed goalkeeper reflected: "It is the first time in my life I have conceded five goals in a match, and I am not happy."

Match stats

	Leeds	AV
Possession	56%	44%
Attempts on target	5	2
Attempts off target	12	7
Corners	3	1
Fouls	11	15
Offsides	2	1
Bookings	0	2
Sendings-off	0	0

Match stats

	Cov	New
Possession	51%	49%
Attempts on target	2	4
Attempts off target	5	3
Corners	10	7
Fouls	13	16
Offsides	1	2
Bookings	2	0
Sendings-off	0	0

Middlesbrough 2 Everton 2

Collins puts finger on Gazza's art

Michael Walker watches Boro lose their way and Robson lose his cool

BY refusing to say anything for once a manager was actually giving so much more than the bland and vague half-answers they usually do.

Bryan Robson was not a happy bunny on Saturday evening. His side had just tossed away a two-goal lead in a spasm of "madcap" defending and the posse of Scottish pressmen lured to Tynes-side by the prospect of Walter Smith, John Collins and Paul Gascoigne - all of whom might have an opinion on yesterday's Old Firm match - were met by Robson's furious glare when they started asking questions about Gascoigne.

"I'm not talking about Gazza," snapped Robson.

"Every week I'm talking about Gazza. He's proving it on the pitch." One does not mess with Robson in this mood, and his annoyance was understandable.

However, for the first time since Smith sold the tubby one to Boro in March, Gascoigne's name was top of the agenda for what he had just produced on the park.

Gascoigne still looks well short of speed and athleticism but this was his best match in a Middlesbrough jersey and, in an entertaining game of four goals and six bookings, it is a small tribute to the midfielder that most people came away talking about him - except Robson, of course.

But Collins, a man who knows Gascoigne from Glasgow, was able to give a pitch-level appreciation. "Maybe he's not quite as sharp as he was but he's still showing it in flashes" was the initial analysis. Then he thought a bit more: "But he was cheating a little bit, he was sitting back and waiting."

Collins was hardly accusing Gascoigne of law-breaking but he was offering some professional insight into where the player is in terms of fitness. Those hovering "Gascoigne for England" would do well to heed the Scotland midfielder, whose intelligence, cajoling of team-mates and superb equaliser did most to bring Everton a point.

At half-time that looked a remote possibility. Everton, sluggish in midfield and defence, were two goals down and Duncan Ferguson was seeing almost nothing

of the ball. That changed with Danny Cadamarteri's introduction, his first act being to slice Steve Vickers into bringing him down just inside the area seconds into the second half. Michael Ball obliged with the penalty.

Just over a minute later Everton were level, courtesy of Collins, and Smith was naturally asked what he had said at half-time. "I didn't say a great deal. If I'd been clever I'd have said it before the game." Six matches into his English career Smith's demeanour told of some relief at the doubling of Everton's goal tally. Facing a volatile chairman would have been harder had it been otherwise.

Robson has no such problem with his chief but he was hardly carefree because of it. For the second consecutive weekend two goals from Hamilton Ri-

card appeared to have brought victory, three points that would have had Boro a point off second place. Both originated from the much derided Mikkel Beck, the first a bundle over the line, the second a beautiful header from a flighted cross. Nobody wanted to know about them, though.

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Gascoigne... best game

Wimbledon 2 Sheffield Wednesday 1

Di Canio has a late say in rising war of words

Adam Sills

PEACE is likely to take some time to break out at Sheffield Wednesday as Paolo Di Canio, dropped from the starting line-up after describing his manager Danny Wilson as "immature", declared that he is now letting his feet do the talking and the manager should keep his criticisms to himself.

"In four and a half games I have scored three goals," the Italian said after his side followed their Worthington Cup defeat by Cambridge with a pounding from Wimbledon. "I think I made a point. I played badly but I scored a goal."

Di Canio's agents, Moreno and Matteo Roggi, are to hold talks with the Wednesday chairman Dave Richards and Wilson, who criticised the "Fancy Dan foreigners" element in his team following the midweek cup upset, to try to resolve the situation.

But Di Canio, who left Celtic under a cloud 13 months ago, having demanded a £5,000-a-week pay rise and became Wednesday's £4.5 million club record signing, said: "I have no idea why the manager should single me out when the whole side were awful. Maybe he is seriously worried about losing his job and feels the need to find a scapegoat."

After Saturday's defeat he added: "I don't need to speak to anybody, as I speak on the pitch with my play. Maybe they need to speak to my agents but not with me."

Having given his lacklustre team the chance of gaining an undeserved point with a calmly taken goal six minutes from time, Di Canio said: "Maybe it would have been important to score another for the game as we lost, but for myself I was very happy."

It is this attitude, which goes against the spirit of collective endeavour that Wilson

so cherishes, which has so frustrated the manager. The Wednesday goalkeeper Kevin Pressman, while insisting that the spirit in the Owls' camp is good, is inclined to agree with the boss.

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Real reeled in by late strike from Anderson

SONNY ANDERSON, Barcelona's Brazilian striker who started the midweek comeback with 15 minutes to go, struck a late goal to salvage Catalan pride and earn the Spanish champions a 2-2 draw at Real Madrid.

Patrick Kluitert, the Dutch target for Arsenal in the summer, had scored for Louis van Gaal's team in the 12th minute to cancel out the first of two goals from Real's Raul, who struck after four and 25 minutes.

In France the champions Lens crashed to a 3-1 defeat at Lyon. Blackburn's UEFA Cup conquerors, and are drifting in mid-table with only seven points after six games.

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In Italy a resurgent Milan lead the Serie A table after their second successive win as they triumphed 2-1 at newly promoted Salernitana. The £10 million German striker Oliver Bierhoff scored his third goal of the season with a 67th-minute header and then helped Leonardo to what proved an important second six minutes from time. Roberto Breda replied for the southern hosts in the 88th minute.

Fiorentina are second after Argentina's Gabriel Batistuta also scored one goal and created another in Fiorentina's 2-1 win at Vicenza. In third place are the reigning champions Juventus, for whom Filippo Inzaghi followed his spectacular midweek Champions League goal with an eighth-minute effort that gave his team a 1-0 home win over Cagliari.

Bayern Munich stay top of the Bundesliga after overcoming Hamburg 5-3 in a thrilling game at the Olympic Stadium. Stefan Effenberg scored twice for Bayern, the second a penalty, while the former Leeds striker Tony Yeboah hit the first of Hamburg's goals.



Leg up... Jason Euell, right, scorer of both goals, engages in a celebration ritual with fellow Dons

GARY M. PUGH

FA Carling Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Aston Villa	6	3	0	0	6	1	1	2	0	1	0	6	14
Derby	6	2	1	0	3	0	1	2	0	3	2	4	12
Liverpool	6	1	2	0	5	3	2	0	1	7	4	5	11
Wimbledon	6	2	1	0	6	3	1	1	1	4	5	2	11
Arsenal	6	2	1	0	5	1	0	3	0	1	1	4	10
Leeds	6	2	1	0	4	0	0	3	0	1	1	4	10
Middlesbrough	6	0	3	0	3	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	9
West Ham	6	1	1	1	5	5	1	2	0	1	0	1	9
Newcastle	6	1	1	1	5	4	1	1	1	6	3	4	8
Man Utd	6	2	1	0	8	3	0	1	1	0	3	2	8
Nottm Forest	6	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	4	5	2	7	7
Tottenham	6	1	0	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	4	6	7
Sheff Wed	6	1	0	2	3	2	0	1	0	2	4	3	6
Charlton	6	1	0	1	6	2	0	3	1	4	7	1	6
Everton	6	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	6
Chelsea	4	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	5
Leicester	6	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	2	5	2	5
Blackburn	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	3	1	6	4
Coventry	6	1	1	1	3	6	0	0	3	0	5	8	4
Southampton	6	0	1	2	3	5	0	0	3	0	12	14	1

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xford at the Stadium of Light. The First Division produced a glut of goals this weekend with Crewe and Bolton also managing a 4-4 draw in a titanic struggle at Gresty Road.

Sunderland's thrashing of Oxford was their biggest home victory since they left Gresty Park last season and unfurled their credentials for an automatic promotion place this season as they moved up to second place.

Substitute Alex Rae celebrated his return to fitness with a brace, operating with two second-half goals.

England, under-31 internationals and the Welsh national's new home to complete the scoring.

Birmingham, who had previously only dropped two home points, lost out to Dave Smith's 50th-minute winner for Grimsby.

Bolton's push towards the top of the table was stunted by Crewe, who hit back from 4-2 down at home to earn a share of eight goals.

Mark Rivers and Shaun Smith pulled out a point after two goals from Arnar Gunnarsson and one each for Ben Taylor and Per Frandsen threatened to run away with it for the visitors.

At Oakwell.

Within 17 minutes of the kick-off Ward had struck his double and Palace were already down and out. Sean McClare and Jan-Aage Fjortoft added second-half goals to underline the Yorkshire triumph.

Bury, who began the day in third place, were held to a goalless draw by Tranmere in the Lancashire derby at Gigg Lane, while two David Johnson goals gave Norwich a 3-1 home win over Bristol City.

Forthmouth enjoyed a good 2-0 win over Forest Albion with goals from John Aloisi and John Durkin.

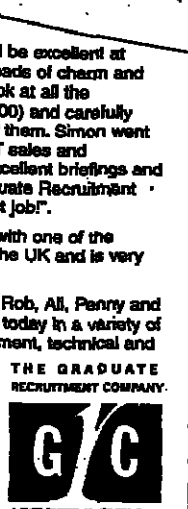
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Commonwealth Games

After years in the shadows, Tony Jarrett's long hunt for gold finally ended yesterday with a narrow win

Jarrett finds his place in the sun

Athletics

OUT of the darkness and into the sun, Tony Jarrett, the Englishman who has turned losing into an art form, finally got it right when he won the first major senior gold medal of his career at the Commonwealth Games in the National Stadium here last night.

Four weeks ago Jarrett was so distraught at finishing only sixth in the 110 metre hurdles at the European Championships in Budapest he shut himself in his lounge, closed the curtains and sat there in contemplation.

"I locked myself away for two days and didn't talk to anyone," said Jarrett. "My sister Susan had the spare key, let herself in and found me sitting there in the dark. She had an encouraging word for me and told me not to give up my goals."

Her encouragement was justified when Jarrett beat Trinidad's Steve Brown by 0.01 seconds to win in 13.47 seconds, though the judges needed a photograph to separate them.

Since winning the 1987 European Junior Title, the 30-year-old Jarrett has accumulated 13 silver and bronze medals in a career which has been lived in the shadow of Colin Jackson.

There have been occasions when he looked like ending the streak only to screw up spectacularly — such as in the 1996 Olympics when he took an enormous tumble in the quarter final and crashed out.

Jackson's absence last night, to run in Tokyo on Saturday, left Jarrett as the favourite here — not a position the north Londoner is used to. His nerves were clearly on a knife edge and they were frayed further by a seven minute delay because of a series of false starts, one of which he caused.

When they finally did get away, Jarrett, so smooth the previous day when winning the semi-final in 13.32, was unusually untidy. He hit two hurdles and clipped another three, throwing himself over the line in desperation. His momentum carried him into a forward roll but he was quickly on his feet to see if he had won.

When the result was flashed on the scoreboard, Jarrett collapsed to his knees and offered up a prayer. "I didn't

want to go jumping around until I knew I'd won," he said. "When I heard the English crowd scream I knew."

"It's been a long time coming but these things always come to those who wait. I know Colin wasn't here but I've got the gold and that's a sweet feeling."

Jarrett was so inexperienced at doing a lap of honour he forgot to take a flag with him and had to be handed one half way round. In recognition of the moment the local organisers even played the full version of Land of Hope and Glory when Jarrett received his medal. His smile could have lit up the stadium.

Jarrett's teammate Jo Jennings came desperately close to joining him on the top rung of the podium on her 29th birthday. The high jumper lost the gold medal to South Africa's Hestrie Cloete only after a jump-off, the athletic equivalent of a penalty shoot-out.

Both athletes had perfect records until they each failed at 1.93 metres which meant the title was decided on a sudden death jump.

Jennings was stretched out on a bench with her feet up when Cloete sailed over 1.89 metres which left all the pressure on the Englishwoman. Sadly, the effort was more Southgate than Shearer and she had to settle for the silver medal.

"It was a nerve-wracking finale," said Jennings. "When I'd cleared 1.91 I felt an Achilles injury and it was debatable how long I could continue. I thought about packing in but when you're so close to gold you don't give in."

Scotland's proud record of never having lost the 10,000 metres title came to an end when Vikki McPherson, standing in for the previous winners Liz McColgan and Yvonne Murray, battled bravely but ultimately in vain, to finish fourth. She made a bold bid for victory seven laps from home but faded as Kenya's Esther Wanjiru ticked away one final lap from Australia's Kylie Risk to win in 33 minutes 40.13 seconds.

There was an inspiring tale of triumph over adversity in the marathon, where 38-year-old Australian mother-of-four Heather Turland won in two hours 41 minutes 24 seconds only six months after being told she may never run again following a car accident in which she broke her leg.

Duncan Mackay



Tony Jarrett celebrates after winning the 110m hurdles and, below, Lisa Dick and Heather Turland of Australia enjoy their first and second place in the Women's marathon

Golding and Challenger give a taste of future fortunes for England

Diane Modahl's bronze medal in the 800 metres may have provided the emotional highlight but it was Julian Golding's gold which offered the most exciting possibilities for the future here on Saturday.

His victory in the 200 metres in a personal best 20.18 seconds, the third fastest ever by a Briton, ahead of the Welsh teenager Christian Malcolm — whose 20.29 was a UK junior record — and English teammate John Regis meant Golding had transformed spindly potential to spinly achievement. Golding, by name, now gold by hard work.

This year Golding has built on his successes of last summer — he won the European under-23 title — but had faltered twice in

major championships. First he finished only fourth in the European indoor championships, and then he came third at the outdoor version in Budapest last month when he expected more in both.

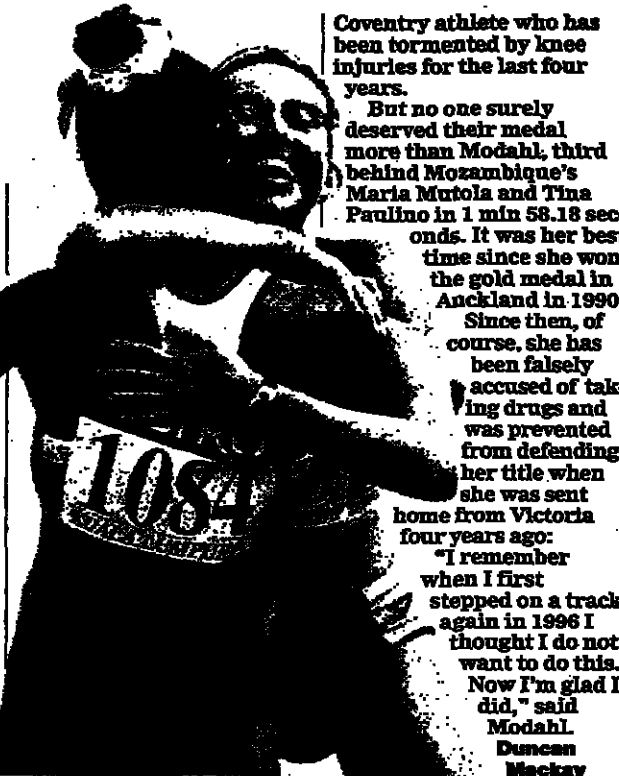
"In the European championships I didn't run my own race," said Golding, who is so frail he looks more like a Kenyan distance runner than a world class sprinter. "Here I was single-minded and focused. I knew I would win."

Golding's victory will doubtless be dismissed as cheap because the defending champion Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, and Ato Boldon, Trinidad's world gold medalist, had both withdrawn to run in Tokyo. "If that was a cheap race, then tell me this, was 20.18 a cheap time?" asked

Golding.

The day before Tony Jarrett finally ended his long losing streak, his Haringey club mate Dalton Grant also claimed his first major outdoor title of a career which stretches back 10 years when he won the high jump. He leapt 2.31 metres to hold off Charnwood's rising young star Ben Challenger, who cleared 2.28.

Jo Wise claimed the most unexpected of English gold medals when she took the long jump with a leap of 6.83 metres. It was a reward for perseverance as much as anything else for the 27-year-old



Coventry athlete who has been tormented by knee injuries for the last four years.

But no one surely deserved their medal more than Modahl, third behind Mozambique's Maria Mutola and Tina Paulino in 1 min 58.18 seconds. It was her best time since she won the gold medal in Auckland in 1990.

Since then, of course, she has been falsely accused of taking drugs and was prevented from defending her title when she was sent home from Victoria four years ago. "I remember when I first stepped on a track again in 1996 I thought I'd do it now I want to do this."

Now I'm glad I did," said Modahl. Duncan Mackay

Medal table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Australia	77	55	55
England	24	42	45
Canada	26	30	35
New Zealand	8	6	19
South Africa	7	11	15
Malaysia	7	11	10
India	7	10	7
Kenya	5	4	4
Wales	3	4	8
Scotland	3	2	7
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Norway	2	1	2
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Amateurs fight back

Boxing

EVERYONE is meant to be famous for 15 minutes, but Audley Harrison is determined to extend his quarter of an hour of fame at the Commonwealth Games boxing tournament into a career as a household name.

"I'm in the sport for the fame and the glory," Harrison said after winning the Super-Heavyweight gold medal following just 15 minutes of boxing at the Games, his final bout against Michael Macauley of Mauritius lasting just 63 seconds before the giant Englishman connected with a left cross straight into his opponent's face to knock him out.

Harrison was one of five boxing golds for the home countries. Since the war, only at Edinburgh in 1986 did England managed to win more boxing golds at the Common-

wealth Games than the four collected by Harrison and his teammates yesterday.

Amateur boxing in Britain has been going through some lean times, and Harrison has taken it upon himself to turn things around. After winning Commonwealth gold, he plans to set up a union for amateur boxers, write a 10,000 word dissertation on the organisation of the sport as part of his degree course at Brunel University, and then win gold at the Sydney Olympics.

With his hair dyed with golden lines — his "winning streaks" — the six foot six inch, 18 stone Londoner announced himself "the greatest super-heavyweight ever to come out of England. Lennox Lewis doesn't count. He boxed for Canada," Harrison said of the 1996 Commonwealth gold medalist who has since gone on to win the professional world heavyweight title. "I'm

going to stay amateur because I will definitely win Olympic Gold, without any doubt, just like I will definitely win a world title when I turn pro."

The steady flow into the professional ranks of Britain's top amateurs may be stemmed now that Lottery money is available. According to Ian Irvine, the England team coach, the Lottery cash he has had at his disposal for training camps since February was critical in assisting Chris Bessey (light middleweight), John Pearce (middleweight) and Courtney Fry (light-heavy) to emulate Harrison's gold medal. All four boxers also received individual lottery grants of £5,500.

"I'll not turn pro," said Alex Arthur, Scotland's gold medal-winning featherweight. "I'm too well funded." It seems that boxers' Olympic ambitions is at last being given a chance. Steven Downes



Boxing clever... Chris Bessey, right, on his way to light-middleweight gold

English pair double up for unexpected victory

Squash

Paul Johnson secured his second win within a week over world champion Rodney Eyles to help ensure England finished with two gold medals, equalling the achievement of the Australians in squash's debut in the Games.

Johnson had denied Eyles a medal of any colour when he beat him in the quarter-finals of the singles, and now he paired up with Mark Chalmer to take the men's doubles title with a 15-8, 15-4 win over Eyles and Byron Davis.

The English were too consistent throughout for the Aussies, who had the day before overcome England's world doubles champions Chris Walker and Mark Cairns. Defeat was a hard blow for Eyles to take — almost too hard, for his congratulations to the English — "Well

done the girls" — sounded more bitter than ironic.

Cassie Jackman and Sue Wright, who saved a match point in Saturday's semi-final, took the women's doubles title with a 15-10, 15-13 win over Robyn Cooper and Rachael Grinham, the surprise finalists from Australia.

Michelle Martin, another Australian, became the only player to win two golds. She and Craig Rowland played outstandingly to beat England's top-seeded Simon Parke and Suzanne Horner 15-4, 15-7, Parke ending the match flat on the floor with the ball rolling across his back and Rowland standing over him, rapt at sight.

Eight Australians gained medals, prompting Martin to comment: "Perhaps they can see what they missed when they decided not to include squash in the Sydney Olympics." Richard Jago



Way back when

Frank Keating on two of the great Sugar Ray Robinson's toughest, most gruelling fights

High flier... Sugar Ray keeping a jump ahead of his opponents
PHOTOGRAPH: HULTON GETTY

AS WITH the luminous Sir Garfield Sobers at cricket, there is a general acceptance that in the history of prize-fighting Sugar Ray Robinson remains the best there has ever been for do-it-all pound-for-pound versatility.

Robinson won 175 of 202 professional contests between 1940 and 1960. His most stirring fights were probably with the taxman, but he lived life to the full till Alzheimer's disease struck. He died, at 69, in 1989 and at his funeral in Los Angeles, from the pulpit the Rev Jesse Jackson said: "To sportsmen, simply Sugar Ray was the original art form."

It was a precise half-century ago, on September 23, 1948, that Robinson beat the dangerous "Cuban Hawk" Kid Gavilan in New York and announced that after a return match (which he was also to win: his sixth defence) he would renounce his world welterweight title and, at 28 and in his magical pomp, challenge for the middleweight championship. That same autumn, a 21-year-old of Italian stock, Carmen Basilio, was demoted from the Martines with a choice — try pro boxing or return to back-breaking labour on his impoverished father's onion farm near Syracuse. He chose the

former as by far the less painful option.

Through the following decade, Robinson was one of the best-known figures in the universe as he waged (and usually won) breath-taking wars against the likes of Jake LaMotta, Randolph Turpin, Carl Olson, Rocky Graziano and Joey Maxim. In January and May of 1957, in savage contests, Robinson lost and regained his middleweight championship against Gene Fullmer.

By which time, having lost, regained, and then retained his world welterweight title in three dramatic battles with Johnny Saxton, it was now the

imperturbably tough and intrepid Basilio who moved up a division and challenged Robinson. They were to fight twice, and for technical virtuosity and dauntless valour, though mostly for ferocity, both contests remain permanently logged among the all-time greats.

Coincidentally it was also September 23 when Robinson and Basilio first squared up in 1957 at the Yankee Stadium, New York. For the London Daily Mirror, the one and only Peter Wilson was, inevitably, at ringside: "This was probably the best fight I have ever watched. Certainly it contained the toughest round —

the 11th — that I have ever seen. From first bell to last it lived up to all the hallelujahs."

"The skill and enervated artistry of the matador all belonged to Robinson. But the guts, courage, stamina, durability, and most of the best body punching were Basilio's currency. Pride is a great spur — and no fighter has greater pride in himself than Sugar Ray — but hunger sinks an even deeper rowel and Carmen has never forgotten those days of slave labour on his knees on his father's onion fields of Canastota."

Almost 40,000 watched, awestruck. The Ring magazine ranked it "the 12th great-

It may be four years away but the anticipation is already building for "The People's Games", argues David Hopps

All eyes turn to Lancashire

THEY have been known as the Friendly Games since their inception, and the name remains as valid as ever, but the rebranding of Britain knows no bounds. The Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002 have also become "The People's Games". So stir yourselves, because I think that means you.

International journalists invited to a publicity lunch at the Ekkitt Hall, Egghall, had cause to be a little confused by the terminology. Perhaps in four years' time ordinary folk will be allowed to get down from the stands to join in from time to time. Or perhaps no sport will be included which is deemed disagreeable to Middle England, which would explain why tennis, badminton, and high-profile in Malaysia, has been abandoned.

If Robert Hough, chief executive of Manchester's 2002 Games organising committee, had sought to adopt Blairite jargon, others had their own phrases. Manchester is being known as The Fish and Chip Games after offering the indigenous Lancashire delicacy in temperatures so stifling that most guests, rather usefully, were sweating pure vinegar.

At least the F&C's came wrapped in the Manchester Evening News, and not The Sun, which seems to indicate that Rupert Murdoch has not yet bought out all the sport in the city.

It is left to Manchester to prove that Britain remains capable of the ambitious planning required for such major international events, and at least they can claim their first silver medal four years early.

Kit the Kool Kat (Malaysian papers sanely corrected the spelling) finished second in the inaugural Commonwealth

Games mascot race on Saturday, completing 100m in just under a minute.

In the Cool Nineties, Manchester would like you to recognise this. Kit, part-cat, part-lion, is not just a mascot. Kit is "a streetwise, sport and culture loving anti-hero." He is "very Mancunian: not a style guru, but is conscious of what he wears, a bit of an alley-cat, but only in a most endearing way."

Kit is also a "People Ambassador" which sounds like some kind of space wagon, and which could be immensely useful when the official transport fails to show.

The centrepiece of the Manchester Games will be a £200m stadium, seating 50,000, at Eastlands, which it is envisaged will help to revitalise a decaying inner-city area. The stadium is likely to become the future home of Manchester City and, if the visually-stunning artist's impression is to be believed, where it resembles a futuristic light bulb, it might be more exciting to watch the stadium than the team.

Lottery provision has totalled £112m, with another £22m earmarked for a double-decker swimming stadium. Existing facilities, including the Mynex Centre and the velodrome, will also be used. Total expenditure on facilities in Manchester is expected to be less than half the £300m spent by Malaysia.

Manchester will restore table tennis, judo and wrestling to the 2002 Games, and are set to confirm the inclusion of the team sports that have proved so popular in Kuala Lumpur: hockey, rugby, tennis and cricket will be incorporated, with cricket likely to be a traditional one-day format of 50 overs. They deserve every ounce of luck going.



The English men's hockey team celebrate victory over India to clinch the bronze medal

Australia deny English ambition

Hockey

England came so close to winning two silvers in the first ever Commonwealth Games hockey tournament, but they had to be content with silver and bronze.

The women's team, having eased past India with a 2-0 victory in their semi-final, were outclassed by the outstanding Australian team in the final. They were beaten 8-1. Only once before, against the Dutch in 1981, has an England side lost by a seven goal margin.

Australia, the pre-tournament favourites, duly won both titles but England gave their men a close call in their semi-final on Saturday. England led twice late in the game, after corner goals by Jon Wyatt and Russell Garcia, but could not hold on and then lost by a golden goal. It was hardly a worthy winning goal - Michael Brennan mis-hit his

shot. David Luckes in the England goal had it covered but it caught Brett Garrard's stick and deflected past him and into goal.

England had to pick themselves up yesterday and play India for the bronze medals. They looked to be in trouble with India deserving a 1-0 lead at half-time through a rasping shot by Baljit Singh Dhillon, but England came back splendidly in the second half. Guy Forthman scored an equaliser midway through the half with a spectacular rising cross-shot, his first England goal.

This time sudden death extra time failed to produce a golden goal and the match went to penalties. David Luckes saved two of India's attempts and England converted all of theirs to take the shoot-out 4-2. It was only the second time that India had lost a penalty competition. Jane Smith and Tina Cullen scored the goals for England's

women against India on Saturday. Smith produced one of her best corner shots to put England ahead after only four minutes and Tina Cullen, England's best forward, steered in a finely judged pass from Smith to seal victory in the 48th minute.

England's women found Australia an altogether different proposition in their final. They are not only quality hockey players but a team of athletes. Playing two days running in the sapping conditions here did not seem to vex them at all. England did well to hold them for the first quarter of the game but then Alyson Annan split the England defence for Katrina Powell to score and the goals followed thick and fast.

England were six down before Mel Clewlow thumped in a corner for their consolation goal. Australia had seven different scorers.

Patrick Rowley

Putting your heart into sport could be a risky business

FAIR GAME

Julie Welch

GOING to the gym three times a week is the standard form of penance for anyone who has put on weight over the summer break. It marks you out as a sporty, health-conscious person, reasonably caring about your appearance but not too proud to look a complete prat in skin-tight Lycra shorts. Take up any other form of exercise and you begin to make statements about yourself.

For instance, it's usually true to say of people who go out jogging in their lunch break that they are relaxed, unstuffy types who appreciate the simplicity and freedom of running and are too sane to pay membership fees for a gym.

Running can also be a great way for stressed-out, caffeine-addicted, Type A personalities to shrug off the pressures and tensions of their jobs and reduce the risk of heart attack; unfortunately they are so busy and overworked they can only fit the running in by setting their alarms for 5.40 every morning and jump-starting their systems with several litres of black coffee in order to complete for marking. If you are really keen you will shave off all your body hair like the professionals and have to go to work looking like a giant conger eel garnished with little bits of Kleenex where you cut yourself.

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in the Sydney Olympics, as well as smelly feet and absolutely disgusting toenails. You may also find that people often mistake you for John the Baptist since you have no time for shaving.

Many people hope to save time and money by installing an exercise bike or treadmill in an upstairs bedroom. The latest machines are designed to simulate the real thing as accurately as possible: some bikes allow you to experience the sensation of pedalling up mountains and freewheeling downhill, not to mention getting banged up in a French jail on suspicion of taking drugs.

As a general rule, the more expensive and up to date the equipment is, the less likely you are to use it. Let's face it, the benefits of computer technology to show speed/weight ratio, split times and threshold pace, a treadmill is now so complicated that after standing on it scratching your head for half an hour you realise it is time to change into your work clothes and catch the 7.23 to Victoria.

Doing swimming says several things about you; one is that you are Australian and another is that you have no idea how ridiculous you look in a plastic cap and goggles. It also helps to bear in mind that if you swim in your lunch hour and you are the forgetful type your briefcase probably contains a wet towel and trunks which even now is seeping into your specially typed-up presentation or the pile of exercise books containing Year Eight's English essays that you were taking home for marking. If you are really keen you will shave off all your body hair like the professionals and have to go to work looking like a giant conger eel garnished with little bits of Kleenex where you cut yourself.

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bear in mind that in every pot-bellied electrician with justly deserved envy on his breath is a man who takes being turned down by Crystal Palace at the age of 17 as incontrovertible evidence that he is the next Ian Wright or Les Ferdinand and is about to be launched on a Premiership career at the age of 42.

In swimming, on the other hand, you are past it if you haven't won half a dozen gold medals before you reach the age of consent; these days most swimming champions are barely out of water wings. Which is why if you turn up at your leisure centre in your 10-year-old British Home Stores trunks you'd be surprised if they issued an immediate invitation to join the England squad. But the really big problem with swimming is that you can't stop as soon as you get tired or bored. If things go pear-shaped halfway through a run or football game all you have to do is turn round and wander home but if you do that in a swimming pool you drown.

Being a world-class runner or swimmer requires not just hard work and talent but also money. Commonwealth Games medals don't come cheaply and even with sponsorship and Sports Council help many of our athletes are permanently broke after having to stump up for gym membership, coaching, kit, physiotherapy and blister plasters.

Interestingly, most people who take up jogging and swimming to get fit find they work equally hard and spend exactly the same amount of money; instead of a gold medal or a place in the TV studio next to Linford Christie and Roger Black all they have to look forward to are bad knees and a lifetime's supply of corns or hair that permanently smells of chlorine.

The moral of the story is to stay fat and unfit and leave sport to the experts and people too young to vote.

Malaysian men prove hard to beat

Badminton

THE comforting theory prevalent in English badminton only a week ago was that the Malaysians were about to crumble under the twin pressures of fervent home expectations and ceaseless political infighting. The reality has proved rather different.

Just as England's men failed to upset Malaysia in the team competition, so Darren Hall, their last singles representative, had to settle for bronze as he was swamped 15-7, 15-1 in yesterday's semi-final by the extraordinary talent of Yung Hock Kin, a man whose coach, Morten Frost, believes is capable of becoming the best in the world.

The women have fared considerably better. Joanne Goode collected her third gold of the Games when she partnered Donna Kellogg in

a 15-8, 15-6 doubles victory over the Malaysian finalists, Choe Hooi Yee and Lim Pek Siah. Kelly Morgan, Wales' first-ever badminton medal, a gold, when she beat India's Aparna Popat in the women's singles final.

But there can have been little in these Games to eclipse the two men's semi-finals. With a crowd of 10,000 present in both ties, they were quickly - or cunningly - scheduled simultaneously. As the cheers of an uproarious crowd bordered first one court and then the next, the Malaysians were inspired.

Yung raced 7-0 ahead against Hall while, only five yards away, Wong Choon Haan led 8-0 against the Indian Gopi Chand. In the main stand of the Cheras Stadium the crowd's unofficial cheerleader, Mr Chee, a stout man in a Malaysian chef's hat, was beside himself.

Both Malaysians met occasional traffic-light resistance, with Chand's improvement in the second game, as he fell 15-1, 15-11, aided by Wong's loss of concentration. Hall had recovered to 8-7 down in the first game but, at 32, he is not quite the force he was and it was a brief respite. Yung responded with hissem footwork, deft touches and irretrievable slams.

"Yung hasn't even shown his greatest strength yet - his wonderful attacking speed," Frost said. "He is playing very safely to avoid the risk of injury." After the criticism of the Malaysian crowd-leader, Ong Ewe Hook, for injuring a hamstring in the team event, his caution is understandable.

Kelly Morgan was inspired. She was sent home, as was achieved in relative tranquillity. Morgan spent a year in Denmark to study

Europe's best and her commitment was rewarded when she overcame the Indian, Popat, 13-10, 11-5.

Malaysia's domination in the men's events has come despite the escalation of a dispute involving one of their leading clubs, the perpetually rebellious Nusa Mahsuri. Two Nusa players, including the Commonwealth champion, Rashid Sidek, were suspended for refusing to attend national training and the entire Sidek family - arguably Malaysia's most famous sporting family - have not been issued with passes.

Frost, a former world no 1, who lived in Hertfordshire for six years during his playing career as a Danish tax exile, might consider the situation a bit of a nuisance. Without a large total to defend they were forced to attack the South African opener, but the match was all but over after a quickfire opening stand of 72 between Andrew Hudson (36) and Mike Rindel, who top-scored with 87 before falling to a superb reflex catch by Mark Waugh.

England's Michael Gault won his fourth shooting gold medal in the men's air pistol contest. The Sheffield-born civil servant took the title with

Robertson, and Chris Hunt and Simon Archer in the doubles semi-finals, although the Robertson duo emerged with great credit in stretching Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock, the former world number ones, to a third game.

In the all-English mixed doubles final, there was gold for Archer and Goode, who comfortably beat Nathan Robertson and Joanne Davies. With three English pairings gathered for the medal presentation (Hunt and Kellogg took bronze), and the King of Malaysia in attendance, it was announced after a series of scratching sounds that the national anthem could not be played due to a malfunction.

Immediately, a screeching siren of Land Rover Hope and Glory struck up. Not quite the stuff of wildest dreams. David Hopps



Splashing out... 13-year-old Canadian diver Alexandre Despatie, who won gold yesterday in the men's platform event with a score of 659.10. The Malaysian judge awarded him a perfect 10.00 for one dive

Australians fall out over drug test

Australia have sent home one of its cycling team after a dispute with team management. Lucy Tyler-Sharman, the 3,000 metres pursuit world champion, had refused to take part in a controversial state-funded experiment into the use of colostrum, a natural performance-enhancing substance.

Colostrum is a liquid which nursing mothers produce to stimulate the child's immune production. In a study by Adelaide University, cyclists on the Australian national team have been administered with daily colostrum since the beginning of the year. Early results suggest that, by taking colostrum, cyclists have been less susceptible to illness.

Tyler-Sharman, however, has refused to take part in the experiment, citing concern over the possibility that use of the drug may cause breast cancer.

using the rabbit punch as though equipped with guillotine blades instead of boxing gloves." In the sixth, Robinson slashed open one of those Basilio eyebrows, and the immediate and hideous swelling made the new champion totally blind in his left, and leading eye. In the classic memoir In This Corner Basilio recalls: "He kept throwing the right uppercut. He never quit. Each time, I'd bob down and catch it with my right hand and counter with a left hook because he was wide open for it. In the sixth he tried it four times. I saw the next one coming okay, but I

missed it with my hand and it hit me flush across the eye-brow and broke the blood vessels. My eye shut. I was to fight the next nine rounds with one eye.

At the end of that sixth round, Basilio's cornerman Angelo Dundee made to signal to the referee to stop the fight. "That's it, finish, I've never seen an eye so ugly in all my life," he told his fighter. Replied Basilio: "You stop it, I'll knock you out, I'll kill you." At the end of 16, the referee scored it for Basilio, the two judges for Robinson, champion once again.

"I walked to the dressing-room," recalled Basilio, "they

had to carry him." Robinson concurred: "I was beat. But not beaten. For the first time in my career, I was too exhausted even to stand and salute all the cheers for my triumph."

They never fought each other again. Probably with prudence, Robinson demanded a third fight, far too much, which meant the challenger Basilio getting only \$250,000, much too little.

They each fought, and lost, their last championship fight in 1961 - Robinson out-pointed by Gene Fullmer in Las Vegas, and Basilio ditto by Paul Pender in Boston. In

retirement, both were admired throughout the United States for their work with deprived youth. Sugar Ray in California and Basilio in Syracuse where, in his new home of Canastota, where he had once picked onions, was built the impressive Boxing Hall of Fame.

Basilio is still a regular visitor to a shrine in a corner there which deservedly honours him. They say he waxes, grins ruefully - and certainly blinks a few times - when he passes the pantheon alongside which is dedicated to boxing's immortal Sugar Ray.

After 70-year wait Kildare keeps its eye on the ball

CENTRE STAGE

Pete Nichols

COUNTY KILDARE is the home of The Curragh, Fairhouse, Puncethstown, Naas and a pub in the town centre. You could say they like their horses there. In Kildare Town, the busiest week of the year is Irish Derby week, when the small town (around 5,000 folk) celebrates its Festival, too. If you were up for the cric, then the last week in June is usually when you go to Kildare.

This year, it's different. They still held the Festival, but it was the Curragh that was the focus. With just over a week to go, the painters are still in, applying the finishing touches to the new Lillywhite building.

On Sunday the big screen will go up at The Curragh Racecourse, just three miles out of town, where 20,000 are expected. Nobody expects to get tickets for the game. "I had a friend pay \$500 for a pair," said Joe Flanagan, who owns the Silken Thomas. Croke Park will hold just 66,000; you could double it and there would still be a black market.

Kildare emigres are arriving in strength. Carroll has two relations coming in from Australia. His uncle, who has not been to Ireland for 10 years is flying in from the United States. His wife's uncle came for the semi-final and has put off returning for three more weeks to take in the final, too.

After Sunday's match, the Kildare team will stay in Dublin for the official reception, and on Monday they tour the county Naas, the county town at 4.30. Newbridge, where they play, at 7.30; and Kildare, the spiritual heart of the county at about 10 o'clock - for a meal at the Silken Thomas, where the Sam McGuire Cup will be a pint pot for the night.

Kildare football team are the Lillywhites and Kildare Town is donning its colours. "It looks like it's snowed in Kildare, there's so much white about," said



Hands on... Kildare's Niall Buckley about to be tackled by Cork's Brian Corcoran

McGuire Cup not to come home. It was Kildare who won it first, when the trophy was offered to the winners of the 1928 tournament. They haven't won since, but St Brigid's Cathedral, in Kildare Town, has been rebuilt 26 times so you could say that persistence is a local virtue.

History offers a couple more persuasive coincidences. When Kildare last won the title, the team was captained by Squire Gannon, a Kildare Town man. The captain on Sunday is Glen Ryan, local secondary school teacher. And when Kildare last met Galway in a final, it was Kildare who came away with a win. There are few alive in Kildare who would remember that victory, which came just three months after the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, but Kildare won and in the psychological battle everything counts.

Should they do it, and in Niall Buckley they have one of the finest footballers around, then Cill Dara Abú will ring through the town. One Kildare publican, who did not wish to be named, reckoned there would be a few in his business "who might lose the key to the door on Monday" as the party, which could be 40,000 strong, rolls on and on.

On the Midtown Road in Kildare is Father Moore's Well, a site of religious devotion. The well is also reputed to have a cure for headaches. There will be more visitors than usual next week.

Surrey's ambitions crushed at The Oval



Leicestershire celebrate the championship-clinching seventh point, when Ian Salisbury fell lbw to Vince Wells and, right, with team coach Jack Birkenshaw. PHOTOGRAPHS: TOM JENKINS



Finishing flourish gains silver

Mike Selvey

AT THE end of the 1994 season, after Leicestershire had finished second in the county championship, they were damned with faint praise, their position, it was said, more a reflection on the standards of the competition than on their own capabilities.

Now, four years on, they are champions for the second time in three years and worthily so, a team capable of losing only twice in 50 championship matches. This time they have set the standard that others have to match in the manner of Middlesex, Essex, Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire, the great championship-winning teams of the past two decades.

The shame is that their triumph will go largely unrecognised in their home county. Had this been the City bringing home a trophy or the Tigers, they would have been feted. But the enthusiasm for the cricket team in Leicestershire is abysmal and the players deserve better. To celebrate, perhaps the club could hire an open-top bus and drive the supporters past the players' houses. Better make it a single-decker on reflection.

They are a side that have been slow but steady in coming to the top of the heap. The groundwork was done under the stewardship of Nigel Briers as captain and Ken Higgs as coach: good, honest, puritan cricketers who instilled a work ethic and brought the likes of Alan Mullally, David Millns and Paul Nixon to the club.

Then came James Whitaker, a captain of authority who introduced the team huddle — mocked at first and now imitated — and Jack Birkenshaw as coach, another who understands the needs of hard work, but, further, has a grasp of what constitutes a team.

Under his guidance careers that might never have got off the ground, have been moulded: Vince Wells, for example, who made negligible impact at Kent but has been transformed at Grace Road arguably into the country's leading all-rounder; or Aftab Habib, unwanted by Middlesex, whose fine batting helped kill off Surrey in the crucial last game. Only in the spin department are they weak and that is offset by the pitches that have been prepared.

The side came to The Oval for their final match believing they had to win rather than draw in order to secure the title once more. That they did so in such resounding fashion reflects as well on their resilience and determination as it does on Surrey's inability to handle the occasion.

Leicestershire were irresistible, Surrey a shambles, lacking fight or determination. Clearly they had placed too

much store on the ability of Sajjan Mubtaz to win them games at The Oval, and their demoralisation when he was summoned back by Pakistan to play in the Commonwealth Games was evident.

Their bowling, without Sajjan and to a lesser extent Alex Tudor, was mediocre and their batting halfhearted, summed up perhaps by Ally Brown's abject second-innings surrender. Only once before in their history, and not this century, have Surrey suffered a heavier defeat than this, by an innings and 211 runs and one hopes that the captain Adam Hodge, in his disappointment, had strong words to say on the subject of professionalism.

That said, Leicestershire played extremely well. At 112 for four on the first morning, having won an important toss, they might well have succumbed had Surrey been on their game. Martin Bicknell not injured his knee and Sajjan been there to take the weight of expectation from Ian Salisbury's shoulders.

Instead the charge was led by the batting of Ben Smith and Habib — neither of them given credit this season — with their record-breaking fifth-wicket stand of 232, 23 fewer than Surrey managed in both innings combined. Nixon's century and the bright 50 or so from Chris

Final table

Rank	Team	Points
1	Leicestershire	100
2	Surrey	88
3	Warwickshire	75
4	Essex	72
5	Nottinghamshire	68
6	Middlesex	65
7	Gloucestershire	62
8	Derbyshire	58
9	Worcestershire	55
10	Northamptonshire	52
11	Sussex	48
12	Kent	45
13	Devon	42
14	Gloucestershire	38
15	Worcestershire	35
16	Derbyshire	32
17	Nottinghamshire	28
18	Essex	25
19	Warwickshire	22
20	Surrey	18

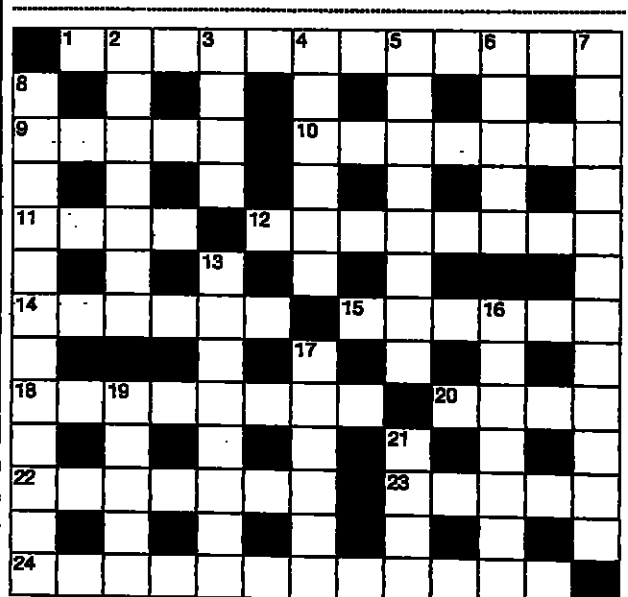
Lewis, inserting the knife between the ribs of his former team-mates, were a case of kicking someone when they were down.

Even so, Surrey must have believed that on an easy-paced pitch, they must have been in a position to make life uncomfortable for Leicestershire, even to the extent of denying them crucial bonus points in a realistic, if remote, attempt to force their hand.

That went out of the window in 40 minutes of hostile new-ball bowling on Friday evening from Mullally and Millns that sent back three batsmen without a run on the board and a fourth before the score had reached double figures.

It was then never in doubt that the title was Leicestershire's, merely a question of when the moment would come. The answer came before midday on Saturday when Salisbury was given out leg-before-wicket to Wells to give them their third bowling point.

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- Across**
- 1 Fruit — fit for a Queen? (8,4)
 - 2 Fibre used for caulking seams (5)
 - 3 Wise King of Israel (7)
 - 4 Greet enthusiastically (4)
 - 5 Prison — national park in SW England (8)
 - 6 With sleeves up to the collar (6)
 - 7 Occurring in the mind only (6)
 - 8 Put too much weight on (8)
 - 9 Sicilian volcano (4)
 - 10 US state, capital Atlanta (7)
 - 11 Divide into two (5)
 - 12 Way of heating a room (8,4)

- Down**
- 1 Effervescent non-alcoholic beverage (7,5)
 - 2 Language first learned (6,6)
 - 3 Window over door (8)
 - 4 Gossip (7)
 - 5 Highly-seasoned sausage (6)
 - 6 Elitist (5)
 - 7 Cook (4)

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3 BATH 4 H H
5 SHEAF 6 KIBOUTE
7 QUICKSILVER
8 INCENSE 9 ROAR
10 SQUAT 11 RAINMENT
12 UTA 13 ENAR
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